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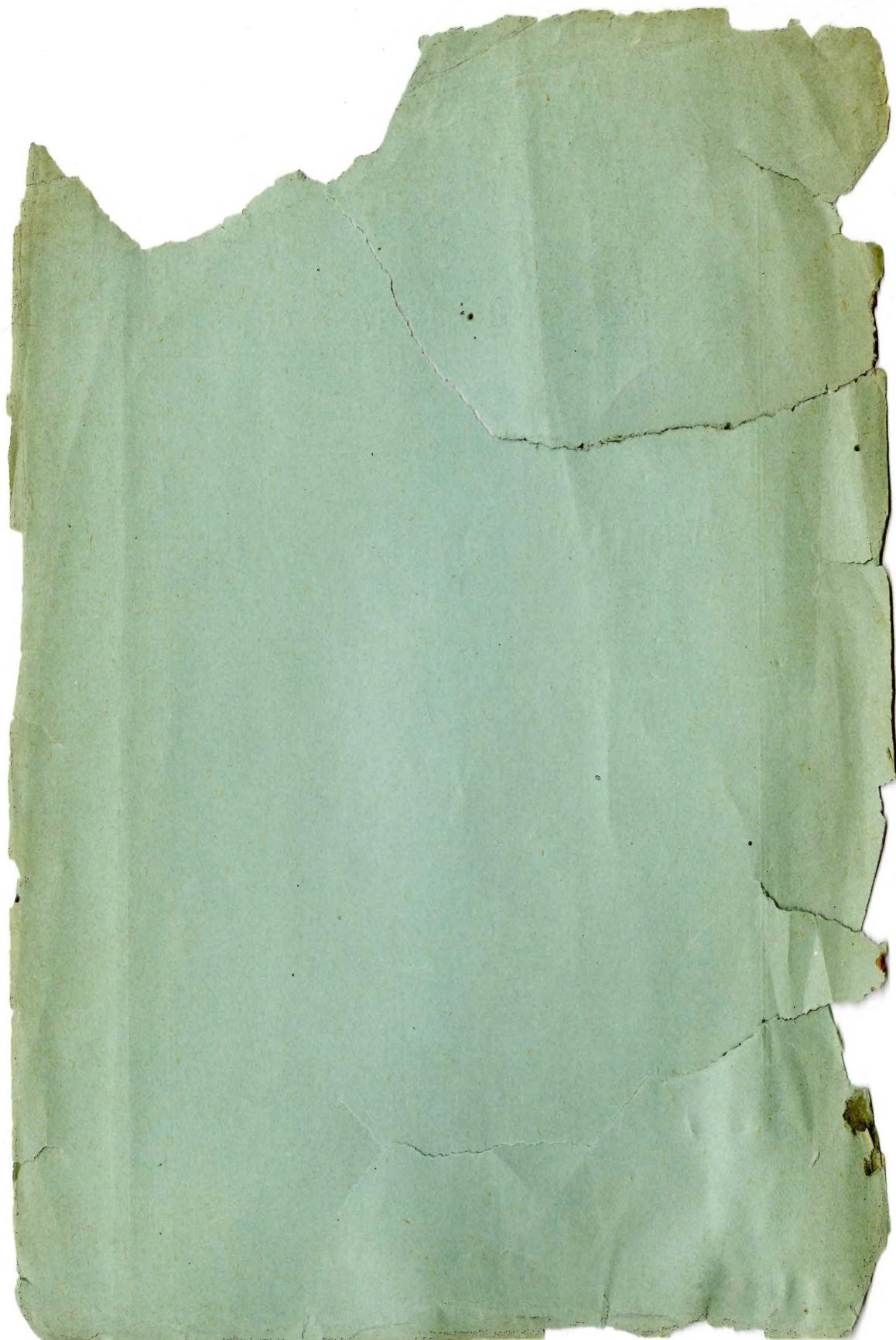
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INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 13, 1889.

Convention was called to order at 9.30 A. M., by Agnes Hitt, Department President. Conductors appointed were Alma White, May Starr, Mary Morrison and Alice Allen; Guards, Grace Mayhew and Anna Millender. Minnie Brown, Assistant Department Secretary.

After the taking up of the Department password, a communication from Department Commander Vanosdol was read, asking that a committee be deputed to meet Commander-in-chief Warner and wife upon their arrival in the city, upon which the following committee was appointed: Sara P. Foster, Melissa Caylor, Annie Weldon.

The Department Chaplain, Abigail Hawkins, then read the Ninetieth Psalm, and the convention recited the Lord's Prayer, when the following letter was read:

GOSPORT, IND., March 12, 1889.

Mrs. Agnes Hitt, Department President, Ind. W. R. C., Indianapolis:

DEAR SISTER.—While your Department Corps will meet in annual session to-morrow, and hearts will be glad and voices gleesome over the grand work done and victories won throughout your entire field of duty, Mrs. Laura L. Henry, President of Winchester W. R. C. No. 90, of this place, will be very near to the end, where duty and work cease on the earth and begin in the Grand Corps above. She has been the faithful, efficient and devoted head of this Corps since organized. Her last and second installment was in her present chamber of death, in the presence of her faithful, tearful, heart-broken co-workers. One warm, earnest hope of her heart was that she might make one of your number to-morrow. God has ruled otherwise, and she patiently submits. Her spirit, possibly disembodied, will be there. I invoke the sisterly sympathy of our Department Corps, both upon her and her greatly heart-stricken husband—Comrade Henry. In the performance of this sad and mournful duty I beg you to accept the warmest well wishes of a comrade of the G. A. R., and believe me forever in the bonds that bind such.

JAMES GRIMSBY,

Past Commander Winchester Post No. 833, G. A. R.

It was moved by Kate Myers, and supported, that a committee of three be appointed to draft and forward, in response, resolutions of condolence.

Loretta J. Gorsuch moved, and Malinda A. Siddall seconded, that the motion be amended by sending telegram. Carried.

The committee, Kate Myers, Loretta J. Gorsuch and Abigail Hawkins, reported as follows:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 13, 1889.

To Comrade Henry, of Gosport. [In care of James Grimsby]:

We regret the serious illness of Sister Laura L. Henry. We miss her. Accept our sympathy.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION W. R. C.

[in session].

The roll of the convention was then called.

INDIANA ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Sixth Annual Convention of Woman's Relief Corps.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, 1888 and 1889.

[Delegates marked thus * were absent.]

President—AGNES HITT, Indianapolis.
Senior Vice President—LAURA HESS, Wabash.
Junior Vice-President—JENNIE MYERHOFF, Evansville.
Secretary—FLORA WULSCHNER, Indianapolis.
Treasurer—SALLIE C. HASKELL, Indianapolis.
Chaplain—ABIGAIL D. HAWKINS, Brazil.
Inspector—BESSIE BURNS, South Bend.
Counselor—MARY D. TRAVIS, Crawfordsville.
I. and I. Officer—*L. MAY WHEELER, Indianapolis.

Past Department Presidents.

*ALICE E. GRIFFIN, Elkhart.
LORETTA J. GORSUCH, South Bend.
FLORA WULSCHNER, Indianapolis.

Executive Board, Department Council.

JULIET R. WOOD, Chairman, Indianapolis.
SARAH E. PITTMAN, Bloomington.
SARA P. FOSTER, Fort Wayne.
*LIZZIE M. TOWNSEND, Angola.
*INDIA HACKLEMAN, Rushville.

ROSTER OF DELEGATES DEPARTMENT INDIANA WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

(Presidents, Past Presidents and Delegates marked thus * were absent.)

No. of Corps.	NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.	PAST PRESIDENTS.	DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
2	DeLong	Auburn	*Helen Ensley	Mary Gordon	*Nancy Stafford	Amanda Nedry
3	General Canby . . .	Brazil	Abigail D. Hawkins	*Martha J. Franklin	Instituted since January 1, 1889.	
4	Francis D. Mathews	Ellettsville	*Mary Eakin	Sarah E. Mathews	Jennie Stephenson	Henrietta Perry
5	Shiloh Field	Elkhart	Sue M. Hart	*Elizabeth Beardsey	*Franc. A. Downey	Mary M. Bender
6	Alois O. Bachman . .	Madison	*Lizzie Elmer	Sue M. Hart	*Mary Titus	
7	Sion S. Bass	Fort Wayne	*Maria L. Holloway	*Adelia Beck	Sarah Smyth	Amelia King
8	James H. Emmet . .	Wabash	*Lucia Kintz, S.V.P.	*Mary H. Child	*Lou Stober	Ada Miles
9	Sanderson	New Albany	Annie McClure	*Mary Douglass	*Carrie B. Lincoln	
10	George H. Chapman .	Indianapolis	*Mary Bishop	*Adelia Henley	*Adelia Henley	
				Laura Hess	Laura Hess	
				Mary T. Clark	Mary T. Clark	
				*Martha E. Hoover	C. R. Clark	
				*E. E. Leach	*E. E. Leach	
				Anna Freeman	Anna Freeman	
				*Jennie Peddicord	Sallie Highland	
				Clara Loucks	Clara Loucks	Ida Mann

Department of Indiana.

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11 Morton	Terre Haute	Mary E. Wimmer	*Angelina Rankin	Mary J. Miller	Anna Taylor
12 John Craig	Jeffersonville	Maggie S. Jacobs	*Mary McElvain	E. W. Hamilton	Minnie Kreiterstein
13 Sedgwick	Union City	*Eliza Castle	Sallie C. Jackson	Hariett Launis	Cute Tomlin
14 Auten	South Bend	Martha M. Smith	*Kate Howell	*Sarah Wetz	Lu Green
15 Elmer	Elkhart	*Carrie E. Harper	*Kate Moist	*Mollie Kelly	Agnes Lewis
16 Patton	La Porte	*Lucy Coleman, S.V.P.	*Angie Wiese	*Mary Rulo	Martha Loughman
17 Ed Temple	South Milford	*Emily Weir	*Mary W. Hill	Susan Davidson	Susie Abel
18 Farragut	Evansville	*Esther Vail, S. V. P.	*Clara Fisher	*Alice Closser	Louise Huntoon
19 Gen. John A. Logan	North Manchester	*Mariah Blackman	*Lucetta V. Cole	*Alice Closser	Louise Huntoon
20 Geo. H. Thomas	Indianapolis	*Josephine Francis	*Mariah Blackman	*Alice Closser	Louise Huntoon
21 Rousseau	Jeffersonville	Mary Hopkins	*Linda Warren	Maggie Murphy	Sarah Goode
22 Burnside	Attica	Laura Lower	*Emily J. Butterfield	Mattie Grill	Mora Bixby
23 Greencastle	Greencastle	Alice Ross	Kate S. Myers	*S. Dice	Lulu Harrell
24 Chaplain Brown	Valparaiso	Mary C. Gassaway	*Margery J. Hussey	Nettie Bonner	Belle Bristow
25 Connerville	Connerville	*Lizzie Holmes	*S. Dice	Belle Bristow	Lizzie Spahr
26 Cicero	Cicero	*Martha Chaffee	*S. Dice	Adelia New	Vesta Hood
		Hattie Moore, S.V.P.	*S. Dice	Sara P. Foster	Jemima Wills
		*Amanda A. Brown	*S. Dice	Annie Weldon	Josephine McGinnis
		*Clara Johnson	*S. Dice	Mary E. Boles	Addie Engle
		*Rhoda Hannah	*S. Dice	Mary Hull	Mary Hull
		*Ann P. Sanders	*S. Dice	*Anna E. Foxworthy	Margaret Stanley
		*Orpha Scott	*S. Dice	*Mary O. Dickover	Amelia Newton
		Martha H. Little	*S. Dice	Martha A. Little	Sallie B. Stewart
		Annie Tucker	*S. Dice	*Maggie Cornelius	Louisa Cummings

Sixth Annual Convention W. R. C.,

ROSTER OF DELEGATES DEPARTMENT INDIANA WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.—CONTINUED.

No. of Corps.	Name.	Location.	President.	Past Presidents.	Delegates.	Alternates.
27	Waterloo	Waterloo	Ida S. McBride . . .	*Mattie E. Beidler. *Josephine Willis. *Amanda Reyman. *Cynthia Jones. *Lavinia Richards.	Cora Bartholomew . .	Minerva Stron.
28	McPheeters	Fredericksburg . . .	*Martha Whitman . .	*Annie Cromen . .		
29	J. H. Danseur	LaGrange	*Agnes White . . .	*Rena L. Miner . .	Mary E. Vedder . .	Margaret Marcum.
30	Logansport	Logansport	Maggie P. Justice . .	*Anna K. Twells . .	*Esther McAllister . .	Carrie Winters.
31	Archer	Princeton	Martha B. Craig . .	*Emma A. Gordon . .	M. L. Pumphrey . .	
32	Howell	Goshen	#Anna Kidder . . .	*Marg'r't A. Welker . .	Lydia Burridge . .	Malvina Emond
33	E. T. Wood	Ridgeville	*Marilla V. Lemaux . .	*Laura Crider . .	*Mahala Kitselman . .	Anna Carroll.
34	W. B. Rayburn	Peru	Eunice Kelly	*Zerulah Malott . .		
35	Tippecanoe	Monticello	Lizzie Clark	*Naomi Ream . . .	*Louisa Rae. . . .	Eliza Morris.
36	Hartzog	Bremen	*Sarah A. Perry . .	*Laura P. Edmon. .	Ellen Van Voorst . .	Osee Burns.
37	B. J. Crosswait	Angola	*Annie Kenney . .	*Maria McConahay. .		
38	Rensselaer	Rensselaer	*Susan Russell, J. V. P.	*Margaret Gregory. .		
39	John F. Ruckle	Indianapolis	*Julia A. Healey . .	*Gertrude Meeker. .		
40			Little Snyder	*Lizzie M. Townsend .	Tina Gates	Lydia Dawson.
			Rosa E. Jones	*Vena F. Antrim . .	Mollie W. Babcock . .	Mary Wahl.
						Catharine Eifert.

41 Sam Henry	Decatur	*Cairie Hale	*Lou T. Kennedy	Malinda Cutting	Helen Blossom.
42 James R. Slack . . .	Huntington	*Lou Hawley	*Julia Briant	Abbie Gibson	Jennie Whittaker.
43 Joseph R. Gordon . .	Indianapolis	Malinda A. Siddall . . .	*Sallie C. Alpaugh . . .	Belle Ing尔斯oll . . .	Samantha W. Miller
44 Maj. Robt. Anderson	Indianapolis	Carrie Hoskins	Eliza J. Cochran	Lucilla E. Walrad . .	Lida M. Morrison.
45 Sol Meredith	Richmond	Anna Larsh.	Kate Cox.	Maria L. Schlater . .	Lizzie Smyth.
46 Nelson Trusler . . .	Winchester	Margaret Ginger	*Ella Murray	Mary Athey	Nancy A. Weaver.
47 Bryant	Williamsport	Joe DeHart.	*Nancy B. Stearns . .	Lizzie A. South . . .	Sallie Hawkins.
48 Deacon	New Carlisle	*Kate V. Loomis . . .	*Maggie Deacon . . .	Emma Farley	Ellen Murry.
49 Geo. H. Thompson . .	Madison	Nancy A. Trigg	Hattie Grace	Marianda Brown . . .	Mary Moffit.
50 Worthington	Worthington	*Mattie Cressy	*Jane Godwin	Maggie Cantwell . . .	Kate Augustine.
51 Dumoit	Shelbyville	Martha Winterrowd . .	*Sallie Antle	*Mary Smith	Lizzie Rausch.
52 Chas. Case	Garrett	*Rachel L. Trasher . .	*Ella J. Wood	*Belle M. Ocker . . .	Amanda Sells.
53 John P. Porter . . .	Geneva	*Addie Meeks.	Sue Cropper	*Lou Cox.	Mary Gatewood.
54 William Smith . . .	Sheridan	*Mary Derby	Jare Kercheval	Jane Cadwallader.	Letty Seeley.
55 Warrick	Newburgh	Amanda Williamson . .	*Aseath Lewis		
56 S. K. Harryman . .	Mooresville	*Jennie E. Sherwin . .	*Lavicy Scott	Elvira H. Perce . . .	Mary J. Hicks.
57 Henry C. Coulter . .	Russaville	*Siddie Heacock . . .	Ella Bishop	Emma Wright	Marina Brown . . .
59 George H. Stough . .	Columbia City . . .	Kate A. Johnson . . .		Instituted since Jan 1, 1889.	Maggie Cantwell . .
60 Duvall	Liberty	*Mary E. McGannon . .		Lou Yaryan.	Amanda Sell's . . .
61 McKeehan	North Vernon . . .	Rachael McGarvan. . .	*Ola Cameron.	Jennie R. Robinson .	Laura E. Stivens.
62 J. B. Mason	Knightstown	Anna Morris		*Viola Heatton. . . .	Mary Ferguson.
63 General Shunk . . .	Marion	Jennie L. Case	Anna Gunder	Harriet A. Buchanan .	Celia McClure.
64 Samuel H. Dunbar	Greenfield	Mary E. Hart		Instituted since Jan 1, 1889.	
65 Wm. F. Butler . . .	Camden	*Nancy McCormick . .		Ennie Stewart	Allie Bohannon.
67 Girard	Monon	Eunice Stewart, SVP .			
68 Joel Wolfe	Rushville	Ketta Reed		Instituted since Jan 1, 1889.	
				Alice Reeve.	Mary E. L. Conover.
				Louisia Havens, SVP	

ROSTER OF DELEGATES DEPARTMENT INDIANA WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.—CONTINUED.

89	Ben North	Rising Sun	Mary A. Scott.	*Clara Bonnell.	Kate Thorn.
90	Winchester	Gosport.	*Laura L. Henry.	Hannah Stull.	Bessie Osgood.
91	Meade.	Butler.	Bessie Osgood, S.V.P.	*Irene Brown.	Hannah Young.
92	Paul E.	Slocum.	*Jennie Gregg.	Sarah E. Pittman.	Eudora Shoemaker.
93	Cambridge City	Bloomington	Mary Mulky.	*Annie Kinney.	Eliza Allen.
94	T. J. Harrison	Cambridge City	Lillie M. Francis.	*Ella Connell.	
95	Franklin	Kokomo.	Bessie G. Cox.	*E. Clara T. Young.	Belle Bell.
96	Geo. W. Lennard	Hortonville.	*Nancy Moore.	*Minnie Aldred.	Birdie Cutts.
97	Boothroyd	New Castle.	Kate Pence.	*Frances A. Morrow.	Mary Mendenhall.
98	Oliver Short	Delphi.	*Emma White.	*Anna McKinsey.	Hattie E. Gross.
		Rossville.	Lida Walters, S.V.P.	*Carrie Deerrick.	Sarah Horn.
			F. S. John.	*H. G. Kincheloe.	
			*Mattie Enlow.	*Drusilla L. Mosier.	
			*Mary O. Bristol.	*Matilda Study.	
			*Frances Miller.	*Emma Barbour.	
			Kate Ingalls, S.V.P.	*Emma Busby.	
			Sarah A. Ghent.	*Columbia Reckard.	
			*Mahala Beem.	Lydia Boswell.	
			Josephine E. Nelson.	Rosanna Woody.	
			*Emma J. Hill.	*Mary L. Hubbard.	Parthenia Wiles.
			Mattie K. Stepperd.	*Dolly Holloway.	Eliza Blakely.
			*Louisa C. Renner.	India Hutchinson.	Eva Johnson.
			Josephine Thomas.	*Mary Ogden.	Phoebe Thomas.
			*Louisa A. Bone.	*Mollie D. Drake.	Joanna Elder.
			Mary Scoby, S.V.P.		
			*Alley Riffe.	Lucinda C. Miller.	
			*Anna Dickerson.		
			*Martitia Waddell.		
			*Lydia Galaspie.		
			*Julia Richley.		
				*Clara McClung.	Dorcas McNight.

There were no election returns from Corps No. 58, Judson Kilpatrick, Fremont; Corps No. 73, Ham-bright, Arcadia, and Corps No. 99, Middleton Perfect, Pleasant Lake ; and as will be seen by above Roster, in many instances, no delegates or alternates reported.

Adelia New moved, and Rebecca Herr seconded, an immediate adjournment.

Amended by Alice Ross, seconded by Samantha Miller, that we adjourn at 12 o'clock M. to reassemble at 1 o'clock P. M. Carried.

The Convention then listened attentively to the report of the Department President.

Members of the Sixth Annual Convention :

When the honor of Department President was conferred upon me, the grave responsibilities and serious questions then before us obscured the compliment. Whether I have been worthy of the high trust is a question that you who have watched my work can best answer. I have served you faithfully, always with the hope that "He who doth all things well" would give me strength and wisdom to lead you through the wilderness of dissension to the promised land of peace.

During the year I have visited 25 Corps, instituted 4, installed the officers of 7, and inspected 10. In order to accomplish this work I have traveled over 2,000 miles, with an expense to the Department of only sixty-two dollars and thirty-five cents.

Everywhere I have been greeted cordially, and feel that my personal contact with the members of the Order throughout the State has been beneficial to me, and I hope that they, too, have been helped by my presence among them.

Four Corps whose charters were given up early in the year have been reorganized with their original name and number. Several small Corps, for lack of strength, have fallen out of our ranks. Owing to the fact that Indiana has been a political battlefield for a number of months during the last year, our anticipations for the extension of the Order have not been realized, but we have organized 23 Corps and the growth of the Department has been steady and healthy, numbering several hundred more than at the beginning of this administration.

One of the most important duties the Department officers had to perform was to pay the debt that came to us at the beginning of the year. The Treasurer's report of the two divisions showed a combined debt of \$666.33, with assets as follows:

Bills receivable.	\$129.56
Supplies on hand.	608.52
Cash.	58.04
Amounting to	\$796.12

We soon learned that supplies were not cash, and that the most rigid economy would be necessary. The debt was paid before the first of July. It was with feelings of both pride and pleasure that the announcement was made to that effect in General Orders No. 3.

Memorial Day was never more universally and beautifully observed than on May 30th, 1888. As the years come and go we will find the sad duty of strewing flowers on the graves of the Union soldiers will be left almost wholly to us. Let us always be ready for this duty, remembering one of the noblest objects of our beloved Order is "to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead."

During the session of our last annual convention, \$100 was appropriated for the purpose of placing a tablet on the Soldiers' Monument. I have learned, through George J. Langsdale, President of the Board of Commissioners of the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, that the amount is far too small. I would recommend that some plan be adopted by each Corps in the Department, by which a handsome sum can be raised for this purpose, that the tablet may be a credit to us for all time.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Knightstown has been the especial care of this Department. Too much cannot be said in praise of the noble women who compose the Christmas Committee—Annie Weldon, Abigail Hawkins and Sallie C. Jackson. Self-sacrificing, they left their homes and devoted days to the difficult task of furnishing gifts to the children of the Home. In this connection I cannot refrain from giving expression of my gratitude to Comrade Will David for the generous and untiring assistance he gave the Christmas Committee in purchasing and distributing the gifts. In response to a General Order issued from Department Headquarters G. A. R., a number of Posts responded liberally to the Christmas fund. Quartermaster-general Whitset kindly joined the Committee in

purchasing Christmas offerings, and was also at the Home during the distribution of the same. The Christmas of 1888 will long be remembered pleasantly by these children. The Visiting Committee in its present condition, for lack of authority, is not very effective. In order to make it so, steps should be taken to have the State Legislature legalize the Committee, and have the members thereof appointed by the Governor.

When I was installed President of the Department of Indiana, the newly elected Department Commander G. A. R., A. D. Vanosdol, pledged his support and that of 23,000 comrades, to this Department of the Woman's Relief Corps. He has nobly fulfilled his pledge, and to him and the officers of his staff we owe our deepest gratitude and respect.

In my official capacity I will soon take leave of you. Before doing so I wish to say that no Department President has been more nobly supported by earnest, loyal women than I have been by my associate officers. Side by side they have worked with me for the upbuilding of the work in Indiana. Unselfish, they have responded to every call. Words are too feeble to express my gratitude to them. The memory of the friends I have made, the many acts of kindness and devotion that have been shown me by the members of the Order throughout the entire Department, will be my compensation for the weeks of labor and anxiety. Give my successor the same support you have given me, remembering that hers will be a labor of love, sacrificing everything to devote her time to the advancement of the grand principles of our Order. She will need your kindness to give her strength.

The year, with its lights and shadows, has come and gone, and into the hands of our successors we place the Department of Indiana, free of debt and working in harmony. We can wish it no greater blessing than that it may so continue.

AGNES HITT,
Department President.

The following telegram from the National President was then submitted to the Convention, when it adjourned:

VIROQUA, WISCONSIN, March 13, 1889.

Mrs. Agnes Hitt, Department President, Masonic Hall:

Fraternal greetings and good wishes to Convention of Indiana.

CHARITY RUSK CRAIG,

National President.

SECOND SESSION.

Convention reassembled at 1.15 o'clock P. M.

Upon motion of Belle Bristow, seconded by Josephine McGinnis, the reading of minutes of morning session was deferred until the next session.

The following officers' reports were then submitted: Department Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Counselor and Inspector, by said officers in person.

The Instituting and Installing officer being unavoidably absent, the Department Secretary represented her, and the Chairman of the Executive Board reported verbally.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

OFFICE OF SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, W. R. C.,
WABASH, INDIANA, March 9, 1889.

Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary W. R. C.:

In accordance with the rules of the Order, I present to this Sixth Department Convention—assembled in the beautiful, historic and patriotic city of Indianapolis—a report of the work under my jurisdiction. As our honored Department President has been early and late at the front, and faithful in the performance of every duty, the work has not fallen heavily upon the Senior Vice. It is a source of great pleasure to the officers that such a happy and harmonious feeling exists in the Department of Indiana. In response to the call of the Depart-

ment President, I attended a meeting of the Department Council, held at Indianapolis, June 5; matters of importance were satisfactorily arranged. July 19 it was my privilege to organize Corps No. 119, at Muncie, with fifteen charter members. Here I found every element requisite for a successful Corps. A pleasant incident of the organization of the Corps at Muncie, was that the President-elect had been a charter member of my home Corps at Wabash. In consequence of the 5th Department Convention having so generously bestowed upon me the office of Senior Vice-President, I was a member of the Sixth National Convention held at Columbus, Ohio. Indiana's eleven Representatives attended every session. My work of inspection embraced the following Corps: Nos. 7, 19, 30, 41, 42, 79 and 87. I also made an official visit to Wm. B. Reyburn Corps, at Peru, at time of inspection. I found the members of this Corps manifesting great interest in our relief work, appreciating the object of our organization, a desire to obey rules and regulations and perfect themselves in our ritualistic work. I was received very courteously, and in this short time formed many attachments. A great improvement could be made in our ritualistic work if officers of Corps would memorize their parts. Had the Department President the authority to call together Assistant Inspectors for instruction before sending them out, it would largely benefit Corps and make our work uniform throughout the Department. Early in January I received an invitation to install the officers-elect of Corps No. 42, Huntington. Following the installation an hour was spent—I hope profitably—in instructing the new officers. This work is no child's play, but the grandest charity organization of women auxiliary to the grandest organization of men in the world—a splendid school for women.

We are not going to forget the soldiers, their orphans and widows. May He who clothes the lilies and marks the sparrows fall, guard and guide the W. R. C. Department of Indiana.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

LAURA HESS,

Department Senior Vice-President.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, W. R. C.,
EVANSVILLE, March 9, 1889.

Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary, W. R. C.:

Owing to the efficiency of our Department officers at headquarters, there has been little work for the subordinate officers. Our part of the State being plunged into a political campaign, it was exceedingly difficult to interest Post Commanders in the W. R. C. work. Only one Corps has been organized within my District, Harrow Corps No. 107, Mt. Vernon, which makes up in quality what we lack in quantity. I submit the report of our own Corps, Farragut, No. 18.

Total amount expended in relief, \$489.37; 475 pounds of coffee, 720 pounds meat, 750 pounds hominy, 29 bushels meal, 11 bushels beans, 8½ barrels flour, 300 bars soap, 93 yards calico, 107 yards gingham, 35 yards cheviot, 174 yards muslin, 79 yards canton flannel, 50 yards flannel, 45 pairs shoes, 32 grocery orders, 1,300 bushels of coal; number of families visited, 70; number of times aid given, 420; second-hand garments, 280; value of aid, not including second-hand clothing, \$105.00.

In F., C. and L.

JENNIE MYERHOFF,

Dept. Junior Vice-President.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 12, 1889.

Agnes Hilt, Department President, Woman's Relief Corps:

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps, I submit to you and the Sixth Department Convention my report, comprising an account of the past nearly thirteen months' work, from February 23d, 1888, to March 13th, 1889, and the present status of the Order in Indiana. Thirteen Corps have been disbanded and twenty-three Corps instituted.

CORPS DISBANDED.

Nelson Corps No. 1, Kendallville ; disbanded March 22, 1888.

General Canby Corps No. 3, Brazil ; charter revoked September 3, 1888.

Sanderson Corps No. 9, New Albany ; disbanded May 1, '88.

Greencastle Corps No. 23, Greencastle ; disbanded August 14, 1888.

Martin Delaney Corps No. 38, Indianapolis; charter revoked December 31, 1888.

Wadsworth Corps No. 59, Franklin ; charter revoked October 11, 1888.

Maj. Jonathan Gordon Corps No. 64, North Indianapolis ; disbanded October 17, 1888.

Waynetown Corps No. 66, Waynetown ; charter revoked January 7, 1889.

Sol. D. Kempton Corps No. 67, Fortville ; disbanded December 31, 1888.

Remington Corps No. 83, Remington; charter revoked August 27, 1888.

John A. Hollett Corps No. 86, Brownsburg ; disbanded June 16, 1888.

Copner Corps No. 101, Covington ; disbanded October 3, 1888.

Jacob Barton Corps No. 108, Inwood ; disbanded October 4, 1888.

Total Corps disbanded, 13.

CORPS ORGANIZED.

Middleton Perfect Corps No. 99, Pleasant Lake ; instituted March 10, 1888.

Gettysburg Corps No. 106, Spencer ; instituted March 16, '88.

Harrow Corps No. 107, Mt. Vernon ; instituted April 2, '88.

Jacob Barton Corps No. 108, Inwood ; instituted April 24, '88.

Elwood Hill Corps No. 109, Carthage ; instituted April 18, '88.

Hackleman Corps No. 110, Brookville ; instituted April 18, 1888.

Baron Steuben Corps No. 111, Hamilton; instituted April 20, 1888.

Jessie Ogden Corps No. 112, Danville; instituted May 18, '88.
Pap Thomas Corps No. 113, Greensburg; instituted May 21, 1888.

George Miller Corps No. 114, Windfall; instituted June 29, 1888.

Leslie Corps No. 115, Seeleyville; instituted June 26, 1888.
Silas Davis Corps No. 116, Burlington; instituted July 18, '88.
Elwood Corps No. 117, Elwood; instituted July 23, 1888.
Williams Corps No. 119, Muncie; instituted July 19, 1888.
Benton Corps No. 120, Fowler; instituted August 3, 1888.
Girard Corps No. 67, Monon; instituted January 29, 1889.
George W. Stough Corps No. 59, Columbia City; instituted January 18, 1889.

John Wheeler Corps No. 83, Crown Point; instituted February 11, 1889.

Samuel Dunbar Corps No. 64, Greenfield; instituted March 5, 1889.

CORPS REORGANIZED.

Sanderson Corps No. 9, New Albany; instituted May 10, '88.

George H. Chapman Corps No. 10, Indianapolis; instituted September 7, 1888.

Greencastle Corps No. 23, Greencastle; instituted October 24, 1888.

Gen. Canby Corps No. 3, Brazil; instituted February 28, '88.

Total Corps instituted, 23.

Last summer Lynnville sent in her charter fee, but for some cause no further action has been taken towards a W. R. C. organization there.

At the Fifth Annual Convention, February 22d and 23d, 1888, South Bend Division reported twenty-four Corps with a membership of 944; Indianapolis Division reported eighty Corps with a membership of 2,309; total number of Corps, 104; total membership, 3,253.

In justice to the Report of Past Department Secretary, Indianapolis Division, explanation is hereby made of the discrepancy of twenty-six members less than just stated. Certain Instituting and Installing Officers' Reports did not reach Department Head-

quarters until February 20th, 1888, and in the pressure of work was overlooked by her. Two Corps, George H. Chapman No. 10, South Bend and Indianapolis Divisions, and Joseph R. Gordon No. 43, were dissolved by Past National President Emma Stark Hampton, at the Fifth Annual Department Convention.

RECAPITULATION.

Members remaining in good standing February 22, 1888	3,253
Gained by initiation	1,399
Gained by transfer	48
Gained by reinstatement	135
Total gain	1,582
Aggregate	4,835
Loss by death	19
Loss by honorable discharge	84
Loss by transfer	147
Loss by suspension	857
Loss by dishonorable discharge	10
Total loss	1,017
Remaining in good standing March 13, 1889	3,818
Remaining in good standing February 22, 1888	3,253
Net gain in membership	565
Total number of Corps March 13, 1889	115
Total number of Corps February 23, 1888	101
Net gain in Corps	14

RELIEF REPORT.

Cash on hand January 1, 1888	\$2,404 55
Amount added to Relief Fund during the year	3,605 92
Total receipts	\$6,010 47
Expended during the year	\$2,906 70
Turned over to Posts	1,029 03
Total cash disbursements	\$3,935 73
Cash balance on hand January 1, 1889	2,074 74
Estimated value of relief other than money	1,388 00
Total value of relief extended	\$5,323 73
Number of soldiers and their families assisted, 1,695.	

Farragut Corps No. 18, Evansville, again stands highest in relief dispensed, having expended	\$489 37
Auten Corps No. 14, South Bend, follows with	282 68
Morton Corps No. 11, Terre Haute	177 52
Sol Meridith Corps No. 45, Richmond	148 90
Logansport Corps No. 30, Logansport	144 62
Stone River Corps No. 84, Frankfort, (one year and a half old) .	125 91
Other Corps too numerous to mention are also increasing their good work.	

CORRESPONDENCE.

Six General Orders and one Circular Letter have been issued by this administration, and, together with eight National General Orders and one National Circular Letter, sent to every Corps in the Department.

The official correspondence has been very large and laborious, but all communications have been answered as promptly as possible.

The brevity of my replies may have sometimes been criticised. Often it is difficult to distinguish between official and personal letters. Of the latter, it must be confessed, I have found time to write but few.

Be assured, however, that the kind communications of encouragement, personal regard and thanks for information extended, have cheered many a long and weary day and are so highly treasured that I bespeak just as loving consideration for my successor.

REPORTS AND RETURNS.

Corps Presidents should acknowledge receipt of all blanks, as soon as consistent, to Department Headquarters. It is very evident that the requirements of blanks are not understood by all, as they have been but partially filled out, and striking discrepancies shown in many instances between reports of Corps Secretaries and Treasurers, some even having had no connection with those of preceding quarters.

Procrastination in returning blanks to Department Headquarters is too general and must be condemned.

Corps Presidents should carefully examine all reports, and have them properly filled out and correspond with each other before attesting thereto.

Many reports have been received without the signature of the Corps Presidents.

Election returns should be signed by the *retiring* Corps Presidents and Secretaries.

If all requirements were observed, much time and outlay in stationery and postage would be saved.

Quarterly report blanks for second quarter, 1889, were issued yesterday from Department Headquarters, thus avoiding delay in the work.

RECOMMENDATION.

To save unnecessary labor to incoming officers and expense to Department Headquarters in shipping, I recommend that the obsolete stock of Corps supplies and matter of all description, whether printed or manuscript, be destroyed.

CONCLUSION.

And now, in this very same room where eight years ago the Fifteenth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic first mentioned officially the Woman's Relief Corps, recognizing it and authorizing it to designate itself as auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, I would especially acknowledge with sincere thanks the many courtesies and kindnesses received from the G. A. R. comrades in Indiana. They have earned the obligations of our whole Department, for we have no more loyal, zealous or devoted friends than they. And in surrendering the appointment with which you have honored me for the past year, I desire to express my heartfelt gratitude to every member of the Woman's Relief Corps in Indiana who has extended me wise and loving counsel and sustaining sympathy in hours of temporary weariness and discouragement. From the source I had reason to expect, not even the shadow of an unkindness has come to me to break the chain of memories that will sweeten and purify all my thoughts and aspirations as long as memory lasts.

For the past twenty-five months I have tried to be a good and faithful servant in the Woman's Relief Corps. If I have failed, it has been the fault of the head rather than the heart. Let

us go on to better deeds, knowing that in proportion as we excel in the day of small things, we shall rejoice in the year of increase, and with strength of purpose and purity of thought, glorify and preserve our organization as long as there is left to battle with suffering and privation one of our boys "who wore the blue," or his widow and orphans. "The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious to thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace, both now and evermore," is the benediction of yours in F., C. and L.,

FLORA WULSCHNER,
Department Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER.

MARCH 13, 1889.

Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary:

In accordance with rules and regulations, I herewith submit my report as Department Treasurer, from February 24, 1888, to March 13, 1889:

ASSETS.

Received from Divisions Nos. 1 and 2 at beginning of my term.

From South Bend Division No. 1, Martha M. Smith, Treasurer.

Supplies	\$189 86
Due from Corps	15 40
Office furniture, etc	47 00
Cash	58 04
Total Division No. 1	\$310 30

From Indianapolis Division No. 2, Belle Ingersoll, Treasurer.

Supplies	\$418 66
Due from Corps	114 16
Total Division No. 2	\$532 82
Total assets both Divisions	\$843 12

LIABILITIES.

Division No. 1.

Due National Treasurer	\$200 00
Expense Department officers South Bend Division to convention	31 40
Total	<u>\$231 40</u>

Division No. 2.

Due National Treasurer	\$343 92
Flora Wulschner, loan	122 41
Total	<u>\$466 33</u>
Total liabilities both Divisions	<u>\$697 73</u>
Net assets above liabilities—	
Division No. 1	\$78 90
Division No. 2	66 49
Total	<u>\$145 39</u>

RELIEF FUND.

Received from Division No. 1	\$20 00
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From the above it will be seen that the Department started, February 24, with a debt which must be met, of \$697.73, less cash on hand, \$58.04; balance of debt to be paid, \$639.69.

With this statement of financial standing of consolidated Department at the beginning of your administration, I herewith submit a detailed account of the year's work.

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

Sallie C. Haskell, Department Treasurer,
In account with W. R. C., Department of Indiana :

Dr.

From February 24, 1888, (1st Quarter).

Received cash from Martha M. Smith, Treasurer	\$58 04
Received from sale of supplies and old accounts	516 51
Received from charter fees	40 00
Received postage refunded from Corps	2 50
Received per capita tax, 1st quarter	<u>264 24</u>

RELIEF FUND.

Received cash Division No. 1	\$20 00
Received collection Department convention	17 31
Received Corps No. 36, Hardzog	1 00
Received Corps No. 70, Maj. May	10 00
Received Corps No. 44, Maj. Anderson	1 00
Total Relief Fund	<u>\$ 49 31</u>
Total receipts for 1st quarter	<u>\$930 60</u>

Cr.

From February 24 to June 1, (1st Quarter).

By exp., Loretta Gorsuch, Pres., Div. No. 1 Con . .	\$ 15 70
By exp., Martha M. Smith, Treas., Div. No. 1 Con . .	15 70
By postage	33 72
By postage on Proceedings, 5th National Convention	12 00
By expressage, Proceedings 5th National Convention	6 25
By expressage on supplies and desk, Division No. 1 . .	8 38
By National Treasurer for supplies	191 29
By National Treasurer on old account	373 34
By National Treasurer, per capita tax (1st quarter) .	66 62
By relief to soldier's widow	1 50
By expenses, Juliet R. Wood to Elkhart	9 25
By expenses, Agnes Hitt, Dep't Pres., Toledo	9 25
By expenses, L. May Wheeler, I. and I. O., Brownsb'g	90
By expenses, R. E. Stephen's badges	6 00
By loan on per capita tax, Corps 77 and 88	1 02
By sundries, drafts, hymns, telegrams, etc	2 78
By expenses on supplies, National Treasurer	8 15
By A. R. Baker, printing	<u>63 60</u>
Total	\$825 45
Balance on hand	<u>105 15</u>
	<u>\$930 60</u>

From June 1 to September 1, (2nd Quarter).

Dr.

Balance cash on hand	\$105 15
Received from sale of supplies	279 84
Received from charter fees	35 00
Received postage returned by Corps	3 23
Received per capita tax, (2nd quarter)	<u>285 90</u>

RELIEF FUND.

Received from Corps No. 32, Howell	\$5 00
Received from Corps No. 34, Reyburn	2 00
Received from Corps No. 27, Waterloo	1 70
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Total Relief (2nd quarter)	\$ 8 70
Total Receipts for 2nd quarter	\$717 82

From June 1 to September 1, (2nd Quarter).

Cr.

By postage	\$19 95
By expressage and freight	8 04
By National Treasurer, supplies	170 95
By National Treasurer, cash on old account	103 68
By A. R. Baker, printing	19 35
By expenses, Agnes Hitt, President, South Bend . .	\$ 8 50
By expenses, Agnes Hitt, President, Greencastle . .	2 40
By expenses, Agnes Hitt, President, Noblesville . .	50
By exp., Agnes Hitt, Pres., Arcadia and Remington .	5 60
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By exp., Jennie Myerhoff, Jr. Vice to Council . . .	\$11 00
By exp., Laura Hess, Sr. Vice to Council	5 80
By expenses, India Hackelman, Ex. B. Council . . .	2 00
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By expenses, Flora Wulschner to Knightstown . . .	2 80
By expenses, visiting committee to Xenia, Ohio . .	
By expenses, Cassandra Robbins	\$7 50
By expenses, Eliza Cochran	7 50
By expenses, Adelia Henly	11 60
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By Flora Wulschner, to balance of loan	\$26 60
By National Treasurer, per capita tax, (2nd quarter) .	9 94
By sundry office expenses, etc	71 20
By Flora Wulschner, Department Sec'y, 1st and 2nd qrs. salary	3 28
By Sallie C. Haskell, Department Treas., 1st and 2nd qrs. salary	50 00
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Total expense for 2nd quarter	\$571 59
Balance on hand	146 23
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	\$717 82

From September 1 to December 1, (3rd Quarter).

Dr.

Balance cash on hand	\$146 23
Received from sale of supplies	122 90

Received charter fees	15 00
Received postage returned by Corps	1 87
Received per capita tax, 3d quarter	295 45

RELIEF FUND.

Received from Corps No. 16, Patton, LaPorte.	\$4 00
Received from Corps No. 100, Wm. A. Boyd	2 00
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Total receipts for 3rd quarter	\$587 45

From September 1 to December 1, 1888.

Cr.	
By postage Department officers	\$21 82
By postage journals of Department Convention	31 00
By expressage and telegrams	75
By A. R. Baker account, printing journals	225 00
By A. R. Baker, printing badges for National Convention	36 00
By A. R. Baker, official paper, general orders, etc	14 25
By Butterfield & Co., printing orders, etc	2 50
By National Treasurer, for supplies	12 72
By National Treasurer, per capita tax, 3d quarter	69 14
By Agnes Hitt, Department Pres., Ex. to Nat. Con .	\$14 55
By Flora Wulschner, Dep't Sec., Ex. to Nat. Con . .	11 55
By decorations Dep't Hdqs. and incidentals Nat. Con .	6 78
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By Elvira Perce, Assistant Insp., traveling expenses	\$4 55
By Agnes Hitt, Dep't Pres., traveling Ex.	15 15
By Lucian J. Martin, Ass't Inspector, traveling Exp. .	6 75
By Jennie Sherwin, Ass't Inspector, traveling Exp .	5 00
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By telegram	\$32 88
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Total expenses, 3rd quarter	37
Balance	<hr/>
	\$477 88
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Balance	109 57
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	\$587 45

From December 1, 1888, to March 1, 1889, (4th Quarter).

Dr.	
To balance	\$109 57
To sale of supplies	334 02
By charter fees	10 00
To postage returned by Corps	7 27
To sale of office desk, Indianapolis Division	2 00
To cash returned Corps No. 23, traveling Exp. Dep't Pres. . .	1 20
To per capita tax, 4th quarter	287 63

RELIEF FUND.

To cash from Corps No. 84, Stone River	\$2 00
Total receipts for 4th quarter	\$753 69

*From December 1 to March 1, 1889, (4th Quarter).**Cr.*

By cash, Dep't Pres., Inspector, traveling expenses .	\$7 60
By cash, Belle Teats, Ass't Insp., traveling expenses	3 75
By cash, Clara Johnson, Inspector, traveling expenses ..	2 15
By cash, Nellie Hall, Inspector, traveling expenses ..	4 50
By cash, F. S. John, Inspector, traveling expenses .	6 00
By cash, Laura Hess, Sr. Vice, Inspector, trav. exp .	10 36
By cash, Ida Haushalter Inspector, trav. expenses .	8 85
By cash, Lizzie Townsend, Inspector, trav. expenses	2 50
By cash, Augusta Adams, Inspector, trav. expenses .	4 70
By cash, Lizzie Monks, Inspector, trav. expenses ..	2 65
By cash, Bessie Burns, Inspector Department	11 54
By cash, Melissa Taylor, Assistant Inspector	8 41
By cash, Christmas Com., Annie Weldon, Chairman	\$34 15
By cash, Christmas Com., Sallie Jackson	2 50
	\$73 01
By cash, A. R. Baker, balance printing Department journals .	49 45
By cash, A. R. Baker, printing general orders, etc	9 25
By cash, postage	30 25
By cash, expressage and freight	4 45
By cash, National Treasurer, supplies	165 14
By cash, National Treasurer, per capita tax, 4th quarter . .	73 16
By cash, Flora Wulschner, Sec'y, salary for 3rd and 4th qrs..	50 00
By cash, Sallie C. Haskell, Treasurer, salary for 3rd and 4th qrs	50 00
By cash, Robert's book of Law and Order	75
By cash, Keller's Hymns	56
By cash, telegrams	1 15
By cash, sundry expenses	1 24
By cash, refunded to Corps overpaid	1 11
Total expenses for 4th quarter	\$546 17
Balance on hand	207 52
	\$753 69

SUPPLEMENT.

*From March 1 to March 13.**Dr.*

To balance	\$207 52
To sale of supplies	35 03
To postage returned by Corps	45
Total	\$243 00

Cr.

By Ida I. Blair, Ass't Inspector, traveling expenses .	\$2 55
By rent Masonic Hall, convention	10 00
By headquarters New Denison	7 50
By type-writing and incidentals	5 00
By National Treasurer, supplies	31 12
By A. R. Baker, delegate badges	20 00
By postage	1 62
By expressage and telegram	1 05
By official envelopes	45
Total expense	\$79 29
Cash balance	163 71
	\$243 00

ABSTRACT A.

Supplies on hand.

100 Badges	
8 Corps Charters	
½ yard Charter Ribbon	
1½ yard Badge Ribbon, Membership	
3¼ yards Badge Ribbon, Officers	
57 Applications for Charters	
34 Emblems for Past Officers	
4 Rituals and Cards	
2 New Service Books	
4 Rules and Regulations	
131 Applications for Membership	
78 Ode Cards	
100 Officers' Duties Cards	
60 Memorial Blanks	
1 Corps Relief Report	
27 Treasurer's Bonds	
203 Discharge Cards	
117 Transfer Cards	

108 Membership Cards	
2 Order Books (with stubs)	
3 Receipt Books (with stubs)	
48 Black Books	
2 General Order Files	
9 Letter Files	
1 Department Treasurer's Order Book	
7 Small Electrotyes	
17 Copies Sheet Music	
Value	\$66 31
203 Old Rules and Regulations	
58 Old Service Books	
Value	\$19 31

Not counted in Assets.

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts 1st Quarter	\$930 60
" 2nd "	612 67
" 3rd "	441 22
" 4th "	644 12
" from March 1 to 13	35 48
Total receipts	\$2,664 09
Expenditures 1st Quarter	825 45
" 2nd "	571 59
" 3rd "	477 88
" 4th "	546 17
" from March 1 to 13	79 29
Total expense	\$2,500 38
Cash balance	163 71
	\$2,664 09
General Fund	\$99 20
Relief Fund	64 51
Total	\$163 71

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	\$163 71
Due from Corps . . . . .	..
Supplies, as per Abstract A	66 31
Office desk and fixtures	47 00
Total assets	\$277 02

LIABILITIES.

I am pleased to say the liabilities of this Department are represented by a "0." I am also glad to state there is nothing due the Department; the account of every Corps is square.

The Department has labored under disadvantages, while the Corps were materially aided by the reduction in cost of supplies. Those articles turned over as assets to meet liabilities by both Divisions depreciated in value, which lessened the receipts from their sale. Some are obsolete, and I would recommend they be destroyed.

It is with pleasure that I can report the settlement of the loan due Mrs. Flora Wulschner at the beginning of the year, by the collections and contributions from Division No. 2, with the exception of \$9.94, which appears in general cash account.

Thanks are due Mr. Emil Wulschner for the generous use of his place of business as headquarters, thereby saving the Department office rent, and also to his employes for their gentlemanly courtesy and assistance.

Though so closely related in our arduous work, my association with the Department officers has been that of beautiful harmony, with nothing to regret.

In closing, I return thanks to the Corps Treasurers and their representatives for their promptness and willingness to meet all my suggestions. I shall look back upon the closing year and its associations always with pleasure.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
SALLIE C. HASKELL,
Department Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,

BRAZIL, IND., March 5, 1889.

Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary:

With considerable pride and pleasure we present for your consideration, the following statistics, as compiled from the various reports of the Subordinate Chaplains in this department:

Whole number of Corps.	89
Number of members belonging to said Corps	2,721
Number taking part in memorial services.	2,244
Number of members on committee for decoration	913
Number of members on committee for entertainment.	440
Total number of children in line of march	20,044
Entire number of women and children taking part.	22,288
Amount of money spent	\$338 34
Whole number of memorials to unknown dead	71

My sisters, we find the foregoing statement very gratifying as evidence of the increase and prosperity of the organization throughout the Department of Indiana.

In our Memorial Day work we are carrying out one of our most important obligations, and the zeal with which that duty is performed may justly be considered a test by which to judge of the vitality and healthy growth of the Order.

As the physician with finger on pulse of the patient notes the number and tone of the heartbeats as his prime factor in making a diagnosis of the case, we may watch from year to year this sure index of an unwavering loyalty, and of fidelity to the memory of Union soldiers and the cause for which they suffered.

We find an encouraging increase in the number of Corps reporting to Chaplain's headquarters of 43 over last year. Increase of members taking part in memorial exercises, 1,880; increase in number of children taking part, 7,386. While the interest manifested by the citizens generally is proportionately developing each year.

By way of apology, I will explain that about three-fourths of all reports were received at my headquarters on or about the first of July, others coming in slowly from time to time until a month later.

With perhaps an overzeal to have every one represented at our National Chaplain's Headquarters—more especially so in consideration of the late ruptured condition within our borders—and as there were Corps from both of the late Divisions yet unheard from, your Department Chaplain waited, and still waited, until it became apparent that she could wait no longer.

Then a new difficulty developed. Many of the reports were deficient in one or more important particulars. In some instances

the number of Corps was left off, or the number given and no name, while in several cases neither name nor number was affixed, while we had to trace up the record from the name of the town in which the Corps was located.

Upon reflection we concluded the work could be hastened better by sending for a late roster than by correspondence with each Corps, and in this manner the tracing up was finally accomplished.

The result of it all was that the Indiana report reached the National Chaplain just in time to be too late for coming out in printed form at the National Convention.

No one can regret this fact more than myself, but, my sisters, the mistakes or failures of the past, whether of individuals or corporate bodies, should never fail to teach their lessons of improvement in the future. Therefore, in connection with this, I would suggest that all subordinate Chaplains be supplied with printed forms for report in ample time before Memorial Day, in order to become fully acquainted with the requirements of the case, and that there be as little delay as possible after the services are over.

It might be well, inasmuch as each year finds a new officer filling the position, that she be fully instructed by Corps Presidents in all the details of filling out the blank spaces, so that every number of Corps, name of Corps, date, name of town and names of officers be in their proper position, as well as the valuable statistics.

Coming but once each year as this duty does, and often performed by a new member of the Corps as well as a new officer, we can readily understand how mistakes are liable to occur.

It would seem for the best good of the Order that the Corps Chaplain be given a limit of time, and a specified date, on or before which to complete and forward her report to Department Chaplain, thus giving her the advantage of as much time as possible for the performance of her far more laborious and lengthy statement to the National officer.

Only those who have passed through a like experience can fully appreciate the detrimental influence which a few failures

here and there, several inaccuracies combined with just a little tardiness, can have upon the work in the final summing up.

My sisters, the field of our labors is growing broader, our members are rapidly increasing, and as an organization the Woman's Relief Corps is becoming a magnitude of no trifling importance.

Already we count our numbers by tens of thousands. The Relief Corps is no longer an experiment, nor the obligations which bind us together a myth or idle whim.

Let us hope to see the day when the number of women and children in Indiana who shall unite and with one accord pay honors to the dead and respect to the living veterans of the great Commonwealth equal that of the army of volunteers who marched forth to defend the Union.

By many letters, as well as by the tabulated statistics, we are impressed with the fact that never before has there been such general interest manifested in memorial services throughout Indiana as on the last occasion.

From the shores of the blue lakes on our north to the waters of the beautiful Ohio on the south, from the eastern boundary where we can clasp hands with the sisters and comrades of the old Buckeye State to those broad prairies on our west which the names and fame of Lincoln and Logan have made sacred, we, the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Union soldiers, united in one common bond of feeling and paid just tribute in words, flowers, sighs and tears in memory of the past.

To many of us, perhaps, there rose visions of the long ago, and with them the memory of the sweet old song :

“Oh, how proud you stood before me
In your suit of blue,
When you vowed to me and country
Ever, ever to be true.”

Indiana's women and children united in paying grand honors to Indiana's brave boys and others who lie buried in Indiana soil, and then with an undying devotion their skillful fingers twined garlands of immortelles and evergreens, lilies and roses, the choicest and sweetest, with wild flowers from our

northern hills and vales were piled high on mounds or cenotaphs to the memory of those who lie afar off in unknown graves or whose bones are bleaching 'neath old ocean's waves.

Vacant chairs were draped in memory of boys whom we shall miss ever more—at morning, at noon and at night.

Not only was there a manifest increase of interest among our own members, but we are assured that the citizens of towns, cities, villages, and even the little hamlets and country places, joined in a pronounced manner to give and assist in the memorial services of 1888.

And it is well.

The song, the flower, the sigh, nor floods of tears can ever restore our boys again to earth; yet let us not be cast down, for we shall meet again, "some sweet day, by and by."

As we turn away from their graves year after year, let us renew our vows of fidelity to their memory.

Green be their graves, sacred the memory of the dead who died in defense of the Union!

"Oh, brave and true, farewell!
Though south winds made your knell
And sprigs of cypress fell
Upon your grave,
In memory shall abide
The gallant ones who died
Our land to save;
No better place to die beneath the sun,
No better time than when our duty's done."

Whether dead or living, honored and beloved, that grand army of men and boys who sprang to the rescue of our flag, the Nation's defenders, God bless them always!

Time has assuaged the poignancy of our grief at the loss of father or son, husband or brother; yet no lapse of time, no length of days or years should ever efface the sense of gratitude we owe the brave ones who suffered and died or lived to suffer yet longer in consequence of untold hardships endured.

Well may we, who enjoy peace and prosperity, devote one day from each 365 as a grand memorial ovation to those who sacrificed all that makes life dear; who left home, mother, sister,

sweetheart and friends; who exchanged their fresh young lives, their fondest hopes, their highest aspirations for the gloom of death, the silence of the tomb.

With each quickly recurring anniversary let us not forget that they too might still be here, living, loving and being loved, blessing and being blest, but for that cruel war whose like history's pages bear no counterpart.

"Oh, how young to die," may be truthfully said of tens of thousands who have lain under the sod long years.

In view of these facts, let us point to their graves with pride as well as grief, while we exhort the young sons and daughters of veterans to an undying remembrance of their truth and valor.

But, my sisters of the Relief Corps, when the one day of the 365 has passed over our heads, its solemn duties done and well done, let us not turn away with folded hands as if that were all. There still remain 364 days in which to keep fresh and green the memory of the dead heroes.

There are other tributes than flowers; memorial offerings which in the sight of men and angels may far outweigh the costliest cenotaph or richest crown.

Let us not forget the orphan or widow of a dead soldier, nor the aged, lonely sister, nor the venerable mother of the boy who laid aside his books and slate or cast away the implements of trade to grasp the musket and bayonet; who fell beneath storms of shot or starved in prison pen, and now lies helpless to do for his loved ones. His latest sigh was, perhaps, the pitiful wail—"Oh! who will care for mother now?"

My sisters, the grandest tribute to such bravery and fidelity that we women can offer is a tender consideration for the loved ones the soldier left behind him to wait and weep.

There should be a tie between each one of them and our loyal hearts unlike all other ties on earth. The circumstances which called our organization into existence were unparalleled; our work, as developed by the exigencies of the case, differs somewhat from that of other fraternal societies. We should know no partisan spirit within our borders, no social differences, no politics, no church dogmas; yet, while not professing to do church work, may we not humbly do the Master's

work according to the Master's will. Without wishing to seem presuming beyond my official prerogative, let me express the wish that at no distant day, in addition to our work for the Soldiers' Monument, Indiana's Relief Corps may establish and dedicate a "Memorial Home" for aged mothers or feeble, homeless sisters of our noble Indiana volunteers, those whom no pension bill has ever reached or, reaching, has failed to alleviate.

Thus shielded from want and care, placed in the home of their friends, surrounded by comforts and even luxuries, they would be made to feel the full significance of our F., C. and L. Thus would we exemplify the teachings and obligations of our order in a positive manner before the world. While our warm hearts may still prompt and our ready, skillful hands carry out the dessign for the good of the Order, let us not write our names in the sand ; but seek rather to make our record in some permanent memento for other generations—a woman's work for woman, in keeping with the dignity and magnanimity of that grand body of men for whom we are an auxiliary organization.

My sisters, the suggestion, we trust, is worthy your consideration.

In conclusion, let me say my earnest prayer is that harmony and good will may prevail among our members ; that our ability and influence may increase, as well as our numbers, and that all our words and deeds be blest by the "Great Commander" who rules and reigns over all.

Let each and every one with whom I have held official relations accept a grateful acknowledgement for cheering letters and loving words, with many other acts of courtesy extended to me.

Thanking the members of the convention who honored me by election to this office, let me assure them I have performed its duties to the best of my ability and always in the full spirit of F., C. and L.

MEMORIAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, W. R. C., STATE OF INDIANA, 1889.

NAME OF CORPS.	LOCATION.	NUMBER.	MEMBERSHIP OF COPIES											
			No. of Members making part?	No. of Members sending as a body agents as a service?	No. of Members Deceased?	No. of Members Deceased on Deputation?	No. of Members Deceased on Committee of Correspondence?	No. of Members Deceased on Committee of Finance?	No. of Members Deceased on Committee of Foreign Affairs?	No. of Members Deceased on Committee of Home Protection?	No. of Members Deceased on Committee of Internal Improvement?	No. of Members Deceased on Committee of Organization?	No. of Members Deceased on Post?	
Nelson.....	Kendallville.....	1	yes	yes	8	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
DeLong.....	Auburn.....	2	yes	yes	25	none	200	\$12.65	no	both.....	.....	.....	.....	yes
General Canby.....	Brazil.....	3	yes	yes	25	15	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Francis D. Mathews.....	Ellettsville.....	4	yes	yes	20	no	27	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Shiloh Field.....	Elkhart.....	5	yes	yes	15	yes	12	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
A. O. Backman.....	Madison.....	6	yes	yes	25	yes	28	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sion S. Bass.....	Fort Wayne.....	7	yes	yes	25	yes	25	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
J. H. Emmett.....	Wabash.....	8	yes	yes	75	yes	75	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sanderson.....	New Albany.....	9	yes	yes	41	yes	3	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
George H. Chapman.....	Indianapolis.....	10	yes	yes	70	yes	Ex. C.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Morton.....	Terre Haute.....	11	yes	yes	21	yes	20	2	yes	18	yes	yes	yes	yes
John Craig.....	Jeffersonville.....	12	yes	yes	16	yes	3	yes	yes	100	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sedgwick.....	Union City.....	13	yes	yes	16	no	5	yes	yes	20	no	yes	yes	yes
Anten.....	South Bend.....	14	yes	yes	60	yes	5	none	yes	12.60	yes	yes	yes	yes
Elmer.....	Elkhart.....	15	yes	yes	28	yes	3	yes	yes	38	yes	yes	yes	yes
Pattion.....	Laforte.....	16	yes	yes	all	yes	yes	yes	yes	1000	yes	yes	yes	yes
Ed. Temple.....	South Milford.....	17	yes	yes	13	yes	3	yes	yes	12	yes	yes	yes	yes
Farragut.....	Evansville.....	18	yes	yes	54	yes	5	none	yes	16.90	yes	yes	yes	yes
John A. Logan.....	North Manchester.....	19	yes	yes	35	yes	3	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
George H. Thomas.....	Indianaapolis.....	20	yes	yes	129	yes	3	yes	yes	128.54	yes	yes	yes	yes
Rousseau.....	Jeffersonville.....	21	yes	yes	44	yes	9	yes	yes	40.00	yes	yes	yes	yes
General Burnside.....	Attica.....	22	yes	yes	11	yes	4	yes	yes	2.40	yes	yes	yes	yes
Greenastle.....	Greenastle.....	23	yes	yes	34	yes	none	none	yes	2.00	yes	yes	yes	yes
Chaplain Brown.....	Valparaiso.....	24	yes	yes	17	yes	5	yes	yes	6.00	yes	yes	yes	yes
Connerville.....	Connerville.....	25	yes	yes	55	yes	5	none	yes	37	yes	yes	yes	yes
Cleero.....	Logansport.....	26	yes	yes	25	yes	32	none	yes	60	yes	yes	yes	yes
Waterloo.....	Waterloo.....	27	yes	yes	22	yes	8	yes	yes	75	yes	yes	yes	yes
McPheeters.....	LaGrange.....	28	yes	yes	16	yes	none	yes	yes	28	yes	yes	yes	yes
J. H. Danseau.....	Logansport.....	29	yes	yes	3	yes	3	yes	yes	151	yes	yes	yes	yes
		30	yes	yes	50	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no

Was a member of the "U. D. B." prepared to "U. D. B." known or Dead? Yes, it audy.

Amount expended for purchase of post office? Were hours spent for the Post?

Were expenses for the Post? Were members provided for the Post?

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31	Ardher	Princeton	...\$1.90 yes	no contributed	3 50 yes
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33	Ridgeville	...10 yes	no contributed	2 25	yes
34	E. T. Wood	...10 yes	no contributed	1 35	yes
35	W. B. Beyburn	...10 yes	no contributed	none	yes
36	Perry	...10 yes	no contributed	none	yes
37	Monticello	...10 yes	no contributed	none	yes
38	Bremen	...10 yes	no contributed	none	yes
39	Hartford	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
40	B. J. Crosswhite	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
41	Martin R. Delaney	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
42	Rensselaer	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
43	Indianapolis	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
44	Indianapolis	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
45	Kiethmond	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
46	Winchester	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
47	John F. Rueter	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
48	Sam Henry	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
49	Janes K. Slack	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
50	Joseph R. Gordon	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
51	Maj. Robert Anderson	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
52	Sol. Meredeth	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
53	Nelson Trusler	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
54	Williamsport	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
55	Williamsport	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
56	Deacon	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
57	GEO. H. Thompson	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
58	Worthington	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
59	Dumont	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
60	Charles Cuse	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
61	John P. Porter	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
62	William Smith	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
63	Warwick	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
64	S. K. Harrynn	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
65	Henry C. Coulter	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
66	Kilpatrick	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
67	Wadsworth	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
68	Duval	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
69	Liberty	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
70	Vernon	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
71	McKechnie	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
72	Knightstown	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
73	Marion	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
74	North Indianapolis	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
75	North Indiana	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
76	Camden	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
77	Wayneown	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
78	Fortville	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
79	Rushville	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
80	Columbus	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
81	Anderson	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
82	Westfield	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
83	Noblesville	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
84	Acadia	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes
85	Crawfordsville	...10 yes	no rep. off.	none	yes

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	20	20	yes	20	no	none	no	contributed.....	none	yes
Colfax	105	Colfax	20	20	yes	100	yes	none	none	no
Gettysburg	106	Spencer	36	28	yes	6	6	yes	75	75	00	no
Harrison	107	Mount Vernon	47	43	yes	15	13	no	100	yes	75	00
Jacob Barron	108	Inwood	15	13	no	5	5	no	45	no	45	no
Elwood Hill	109	Carthage	28	26	yes	1	1	yes	60	no	60	no
Hackleman	110	Brookville	19	11	yes	6	1	yes	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baron Steindl	111	Hamilton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jesse Osgien	112	Darville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pap Thomas	113	Greensburg .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
George Miller	114	Windfall .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seelyville	115	Burlington .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elwood	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Muncie	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	272	2241	913	140	.....	20	941	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$38 34

REMARKS.—Corps No. 2—More interest than ever before. Corps No. 3—Greater general interest than ever before. Corps No. 5—Cenotaph to our heroes; S. of V. decorated graves with flowers from Missionary Ridge. Corps No. 7—Grand ceremonies. Corps No. 8—A large permanent mound decorated to the unknown dead. Corps No. 9—Two thousand and eight hundred bouquets placed on graves of our heroes. Corps No. 11—Grand tribute by S. of V. and G. A. R. assisted by W. R. C. Corps No. 12—Perfect ovation to the fallen and dead. Corps No. 14—Sent \$12.00 to Richmond. Corps No. 17—A day long to be remembered for its impressive decorations. Corps No. 18—Exquisite decoration for the first time in the Catholic Cemetery. Corps No. 19—Most impressive since the war. Corps No. 20—Interest increasing ever from year to year. Corps No. 22—Grand and solemn ceremonies. Corps No. 27—Beautiful ceremonies, recitations and floral offerings. Corps No. 32—Visitors from a distance and a grand time. Corps No. 33—Orphans from the Home took part in a body. Corps No. 34—Sons of Veterans and Grand Army of Women's Relief Corps. Corps No. 35—Children, made a grand display. Corps No. 36—More interest than ever before. Corps No. 37—Social services at the grave of John E. Ruckle, who was eighteen years old when he fell in battle. Corps No. 42—Monument to the unknown dead for the first time. Corps No. 46—Two hundred wreaths and 150 bouquets. Corps No. 49—Full of solemnity. Corps No. 56—Services from Ritual and very impressive. Corps No. 59—Very impressive and solemn, by a large number. Corps No. 60—Orphans from the Home took part in a body. Corps No. 62—Floral monument to the unknown dead. Corps No. 72—Largest congregation ever seen here. Corps No. 75—First memorial at this place, and did not understand duties very well. Corps No. 78—Refreshments in the evening; corps No. 80—Social services at the grave of John E. Ruckle, who was eighteen years old when he fell in battle. Corps No. 82—Great impressiveness and much deep feeling. Corps No. 84—Citizens received with flowers for the unearthing heroes. Corps No. 88—Citizens received the G. A. R. and W. R. C. at the cemetery. Corps No. 91—Finest decorations ever seen; W. R. C. uniformed. Corps No. 92—Handsome monument to the unknown dead. Corps No. 94—First demonstration by W. R. C. and G. A. R., and very impressive. Corps No. 96—Not posted in the duties of the work. Corps No. 98—A 12-foot monument, covered with white flowers. Corps No. 99—Great interest by G. A. R. and citizens generally. Corps No. 100—An address by Mary D. Clarke, the Chaplain. Corps No. 101—Union of G. A. R. and citizens; very impressive. Corps No. 102—Post, Sons of V. and W. R. C. all took part in the ceremonies. Corps No. 105—Business suspended and all citizens joined in. Corps No. 107—Address by General Shackleford; 3,000 people present. Dinner, lunch and supper served up for "Our Boys." Memorials to unknown, 71. Corps Nos. 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117 and 118, newly organized.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

Number of Corps taking part	89
Number of members participating	2,244
Number of children participating	20,041
Total amount of expenses incurred	\$338 34
Memorials to unknown dead	71

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ABIGAIL D. HAWKINS,

Department Chaplain W. R. C.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., March 13, 1889.

Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary W. R. C.:

As Counselor of the Department during the past year, I have been called upon to render but three opinions upon appealed questions. These were as follows:

June 11th, Fairfax Corps No. 71 presented the question—“Can an amount be set aside from the relief fund to be used for the relief of the Post and Corps only.”

I decided that such a fund could not be set aside from the relief fund. Art. IX, Chap. 5, Rules and Regulations, says: “A relief fund for the assistance of needy soldiers, sailors and marines and their families, and widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, shall be established by the several Corps, and any donations to this fund shall be held sacred for such purpose. Members of the G. A. R. come under the provision of Art. IX, but if the Corps has admitted loyal women they do not come under the provisions of the Article, and would not be entitled to the benefits of the Relief Fund. Therefore, setting aside a part of the Relief Fund, to be used exclusively for the Post and Corps would be, so far as it went to members, diverting it from the object for which it was created.

December 19th, James H. Emmett Corps No. 8, Wabash, appealed from the action of the President in not announcing a vote, the By-Laws requiring all members to vote on all questions, and all members not having voted on the particular motion, the motion being to amend the minutes of a previous meeting. I

decided that the President was right in refusing to announce the result of the vote, it not having been taken in accordance with the By-Laws.

The appeal also involved the question whether or not the minutes stood amended, as voted by the Corps. My decision was that they did not stand amended, as the vote was not legally taken, all members not having voted as required by the By-Laws. The appeal was sustained because the President failed to perform her duty in not enforcing the By-Laws, by requiring every member present to vote and then announcing the result of the vote.

Seven members of James H. Emmett Corps No. 8, Wabash, also appealed from the action of their Corps President at their last annual election of officers. The questions raised, and my decisions upon each, were as follows:

The President and Senior Vice-President were placed in nomination for the office of President. The Junior Vice-President was called to the chair, the ballot was taken and the result announced as follows: The Senior Vice-President received twenty-eight (28) votes, the President twenty-seven (27) votes, and one vote was cast blank. The chair announced the Senior Vice-President elected, she having received a majority of all the votes cast. After this announcement, and nominations for Senior Vice-President having been made, the Corps President announced that she had been informed by the Secretary that a mistake had been made in the count for President, and ordered a recount, as the ballots had not been destroyed. The tellers picked up the ballots scattered loose upon the table, and after counting them announced the result as follows: The President 29 votes, the Senior Vice-President 27 votes. Dissatisfaction was expressed, and the President ordered another ballot taken for Corps President, which was taken and the result announced as follows: The President 30 votes, the Senior Vice-President 28 votes, whereupon the Junior Vice-President, occupying the chair, announced the President re-elected.

The questions asked were as follows:

1st. Was it proper and legal for the Corps President to preside and give orders pending the election of her successor, she

being a candidate? Answer: It was not *proper*, though not illegal.

2d. Was it proper and legal for the Corps President, under the circumstances above stated, to order a recount of the ballots? Answer: It was not proper nor legal.

3d. Can a recount of a ballot be had after the result has been announced and candidate declared elected by the presiding officer, and after business has intervened, such as the nominations of candidates for another office? Answer: No.

4th. Was it legal and proper for the Corps President to order another ballot taken for Corps President under the circumstances above stated? Answer: No.

5th. Who was the legally elected Corps President, the President or the Senior Vice-President? Answer: The Senior Vice-President.

The fact that there have been so few appeals shows that there has been little clashing of opinions. It also shows that the Rules and Regulations are respected and obeyed.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy with which you have treated me during my term of office.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

MARY D. TRAVIS,

Department Counselor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

OFFICE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR,
SOUTH BEND, IND., March 11, 1889.

Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary:

I herewith submit report of the inspection of the Corps of this Department, and in addition thereto append the following statements as to the condition of the several Corps. Of the Corps in the State one hundred were regularly inspected. Some Corps have not reported, which is not due to any neglect of theirs, but by reason of the inability of the Assistant Inspectors to perform such duty because of ill health. The one hundred Corps inspected have a membership of 3,656, with a relief fund on hand amounting to \$3,239.17. The amount of money expended for

relief amounted to \$2,501.89, with an estimated value of relief given, other than money, amounting to \$924.65, making a grand total of relief expended during the year of \$3,426.54. The standing of the Corps, as reported by the Assistant Inspectors, is as follows: Excellent, 24; good, 43; fair, 26; poor, 7. This we believe to be a very satisfactory showing as to the condition of the Department.

I desire to make the following suggestions: That definite instructions be prepared and sent to all persons who are appointed Assistant Inspectors. Such instructions should advise the dropping of percentages, and the use of such expressions as fair, good, etc., and the substitution of figures which convey definitely the information asked for. This would require that Corps Secretaries keep a record of attendance, etc., which we think should be done. I find only a very small proportion of the ritualistic work memorized, and would recommend that this be more generally done. The system of balloting should be general, and not different methods used, as is now done; and I would recommend that definite instructions as to the proper method of ballot be given at this convention. I find nearly all Corps working harmoniously with their respective Posts; also, that those Corps which have regular weekly meetings seem most prosperous, a fact which is worthy of note and the careful consideration of those who meet less frequently. I think the amount of relief expended shows the interest of the several Corps in this direction, and to such Corps as have no regular relief fund I would earnestly urge that they comply with the oft-repeated suggestions in this matter. It will strengthen you.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Assistant Inspectors for their earnest work, and all for the courtesy shown them and myself. In F., C. and L.,

BESSIE BURNS,
Department Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

NAME OF CORPS.	No. of Corps.	LOCATION.													
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Nelson.....	1	Kendallville....	Dis band ed.												
DeLong.....	26	Auburn.....	47	good	good	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	\$1 50	\$1 00		
General Canby.....	3	Brazil.....	Dis band ed.												
F. D. Mathews.....	4	Ellettsville.....	18	14	5	.....	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	1 00	1 00	
Shiloh Field.....	5	Elkhart.....	29	21	7	9	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
A. O. Bachman.....	6	Madison.....	24	27	7	16	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	50	1 20	
Sion A. Bass.....	7	Fort Wayne.....	41	6	16	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
James H. Emmett.....	8	Wabash.....	24	71	7½	35½	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Sanderson.....	9	New Albany.....	24	38	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
George H. Chapman.....	10	Indianapolis.....	52	21	good	14	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Morton.....	11	Terre Haute.....	24	86	6	40	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
John Craig.....	12	Jeffersonville.....	30	37	good	good	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Sedgwick.....	13	Union City.....	9	12	.....	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Auten.....	14	South Bend.....	51	119	8	35	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Elmer.....	15	Elkhart.....	50	32	8	13	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Patton.....	16	La Porte.....	51	53	6	18	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Ed Temple.....	17	South Milford.....	No t re port ed.												
Farragut.....	18	Evansville.....	24	81	5	25	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
John A. Logan.....	19	N. Manchester.....	39	67	.....	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
George H. Thomas.....	20	Indianapolis.....	24	153	9	30	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Rousseau.....	21	Jeffersonville.....	24	24	good	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	3 00	
General Burnside.....	22	Attica.....	No t re port ed.												
Greencastle.....	23	Greencastle.....	Dis ban ded.												
Chaplain Brown.....	24	Valparaiso.....	23	28	6	14	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Connersville.....	25	Connersville.....	24	58	.....	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Cicero.....	26	Cicero.....	24	40	7	20	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	80	
Waterloo.....	27	Waterloo.....	22	37	8	16	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
McPheeters.....	28	Fredericksburg.....	24	28	fair	fair	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	.....	60	
J. H. Danseur.....	29	LaGrange.....	No t re port ed.												
Logansport.....	30	Logansport.....	22	51	4	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Archer.....	31	Princeton.....	24	39	.....	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Howell.....	32	Goshen.....	52	42	7½	31	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
E. T. Wood.....	33	Ridgeville.....	12	12	.....	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
W. B. Reyburn.....	34	Peru.....	22	29	7	20	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Tipppecanoe.....	35	Monticello.....	26	24	7	20	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Hartzog.....	36	Bremen.....	22	23	7	12	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	60	
B. J. Crosswait.....	37	Angola.....	26	35	7	17	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Martin Delaney.....	38	Indianapolis.....	No t re port ed.												
Rensselaer.....	39	Rensselaer.....	52	34	8	23	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
John F. Ruckle.....	40	Indianapolis.....	24	28	6	16	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Sam Henry.....	41	Decatur.....	24	36	7½	15	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
James R. Slack.....	42	Huntington.....	24	34	8	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Joseph R. Gordon.....	43	Indianapolis.....	24	29	7	18	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Major R. Anderson.....	44	Indianapolis.....	26	100	good	40	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Sol Meredith.....	45	Richmond.....	50	60	6	25	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	60	
Nelson Trusler.....	46	Winchester.....	52	64	8	25	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Bryant.....	47	Williamsport.....	No t re port ed.												
Deacon.....	48	New Carlisle.....	23	30	7	15	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
G. H. Thompson.....	49	Madison.....	24	34	10	30	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	50	1 20	
Worthington.....	50	Worthington.....	11	14	8	12	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	50	1 00	
Dumont.....	51	Shelbyville.....	24	48	8	25	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Charles Case.....	52	Garrett.....	52	32	6	20	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
John P. Porter.....	53	Geneva.....	13	.....	.....	.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
William Smith.....	54	Sheridan.....	17	31	8	16	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Warrick.....	55	Newburgh.....	24	10	8	8	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	40	
S. K. Harryman.....	56	Mooresville.....	20	31	5	15	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	80	
Henry C. Coulter.....	57	Russiaville.....	20	44	7½	16	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	1 00	
Judson Kilpatrick.....	58	Fremont.....	26	11	5	9	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1 00	60	

INDIANA, W. R. C., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

INDIANA W. R. C. FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1888.—CONTINUED.

	Is there a Relief Fund?		Amount of money in the Relief Fund.		Amount expended for Relief from October 1, 1887, to October 1, 1888.		Estimated value of Relief other than money.		Have books of Secretary and Treasurer been examined by Fin. Com.?		Is the Charter in the hall at every regular meeting?		Has every member a copy of the Rules and Regulations?		Are copies of Regular Quarterly Relief Reports sent to the Post?		Are Reports Accepted by the Post?		Do the Post and Corps work in harmony?		Did Corps Representative report proceedings of last Department Convention?		Is the work of the Ritual memorized?		Is it properly performed?		Are the Records complete?		GRADE.		
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no				yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	1		
yes	28 40	3 69	10 00	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1		
yes	61 18	7 00	37 55	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1		
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yes	34 52	27 74	40 00	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	1		
yes	44 51	19 32	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	1		
yes	29 85	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	1		
yes	50 75	26 70	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	1	
yes	12 75	7 75	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	1	
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yes	6 62	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	1
no		no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	p't	yes	yes	1
yes	9 00	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	1	
yes	5 00	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	1
yes	39 45	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	p't	yes	yes	1	
no		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	1
yes	15 00	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	1
.....	\$3,199 12	\$2,501 89	\$924 65	7	23	43	26	7	

SOUTH BEND, IND., March 26, 1889.

Flora Wulschner, Past Department Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.:

DEAR SISTER.—According to your suggestion I enclose herewith synopsis of the inspection report made of each Corps inspected. I have tried to encourage as much as possible and shown the brightest side of the curtain, thinking that would do most good.

It has been considerable work, but if it will encourage to renewed effort and add dignity to future work, I am satisfied:

DELONG No. 2, Auburn.—Ida I. Blair, Inspector. This Corps, after passing through "deep waters," is now in perfect harmony and doing good work.

F. D. MATHEWS No. 4, Ellettsville.—Elvira Perce, Inspector. Is not in good condition at present, but are anxious to preserve their organization. They are in harmony—one of the oldest Corps in the Department—and determined to "hold the fort."

SHILOH FIELD No. 5, Elkhart.—Bessie L. Burns, Inspector. Owing to lack of attendance, the inspection of this Corps was not thorough; not enough were present to fill the chairs. The President had memorized her part, but is in poor health.

A. O. BACHMAN No. 6, Madison.—Belle Teats, Inspector. They did not do as well as was expected of an old Corps, but promise well for the future.

SION S. BASS No. 7, Fort Wayne.—Laura Hess, Inspector. This Corps had not fully recovered from the effects of previous dissensions, but their prospects were bright and they will soon feel the sunlight of harmony.

JAMES H. EMMETT No. 8, Wabash.—Ida Haushalter, Inspector. They are working harmoniously and doing a noble relief. Officers efficient, meetings well attended, and an exceedingly bright future.

SANDERSON No. 9, New Albany.—Lucia J. Martin, Inspector. There was a good attendance for a called meeting. Work in harmony, with energy, and prospects bright.

GEO. H. CHAPMAN No. 10, Indianapolis.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. Was reorganized in September. Is composed of earnest, energetic women, who are determined to succeed.

MORTON No. 11, Terre Haute.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. One of the best Corps in the Department, with every prospect of remaining so.

JOHN CRAIG No. 12, Jeffersonville.—Lucia J. Martin, Inspector. This Corps is alive to the work, trying hard to increase their numbers. They try to do all work in as perfect a manner as possible.

SEGEWICK No. 13, Union City.—Lizzie Monks, Inspector. Is a small Corps but thriving. Had eight applications on the table.

AUTEN No. 14, South Bend.—Bessie L. Burns, Inspector. The second largest Corps in point of numbers in the State. Have largest relief fund, and work very harmoniously.

ELMER No. 15, Elkhart.—Bessie L. Burns, Inspector. The best drilled Corps I have seen. All try to see how well they can do. Worthy of emulation.

PATTON No. 16, LaPorte.—Bessie L. Burns, Inspector. A band of Christian women, but not thorough in relief work. Will do much better the coming year.

FARRAGUT No. 18, Evansville.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. Excellent in every particular. They have expended over \$500 in relief during the year, the most of any Corps in the Department.

JOHN A. LOGAN No. 19, North Manchester.—Laura Hess, Inspector. A very good Corps; seem to be doing all they can.

GEO. H. THOMAS No. 20, Indianapolis.—Melissa Caylor, Inspector. The largest Corps, in point of numbers, in the State, and doing a good relief work.

ROUSSEAU No. 21, Jeffersonville.—Lucia J. Martin, Inspector. This Corps is doing very well, considering the difficulties under which they labor, not receiving the cordial support of the entire Post, a minority of whom wish to run the Post.

CHAPLAIN BROWN No. 24, Valparaiso.—Bessie L. Burns, Inspector. In a very flourishing condition. Meetings well attended, and working harmoniously.

CONNERSVILLE No. 25, Connerville.—Clara Johnson, Inspector. Prosperous and harmonious; doing good work, and will be one of the best Corps in the Department.

CICERO No. 26, Cicero.—Melissa Caylor, Inspector. The

members of this Corps are veterans in the work. The Post and Corps work in perfect harmony.

WATERLOO No. 27, Waterloo.—Lizzie Townsend, Inspector. Have a very efficient set of officers. None do the work better. All understand the rules and regulations, and the Corps is to be found in the front rank always.

McPHEETERS No. 28, Fredericksburg.—Amanda Reyburn, Inspector. They are doing all they can, which is all that could be expected.

ARCHER No. 31, Princeton.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. A band of earnest workers, and doing their work well; is composed of most energetic ladies in the city.

LOGANSPORT No. 30, Logansport.—Laura Hess, Inspector. A very good Corps, interested in the work, and devote much time to relief work.

HOWELL No. 32, Goshen.—Bessie Burns, Inspector. Their anxiety to do good will lead them to the front in the work.

E. T. WOOD No. 33, Ridgeville.—Lizzie Monks, Inspector. Their field is small, but they do all that opportunity affords.

W. B. REYBURN No. 34, Peru.—Nellie Hall, Inspector. This Corps was in a discouraging condition, yet well drilled in the ritualistic work. They will do better in future.

TIPPECANOE No. 35, Monticello.—Nellie Hall, Inspector. A few earnest members; the majority too modest to take much part in the meetings; capable of doing much good work.

HARTZOG No. 36, Bremen.—Bessie Burns, Inspector. A very good Corps, determined to succeed, and will do so.

B. F. CROSSWAIT No. 37, Angola.—Ida Blair, Inspector. They seem to be a band of earnest workers, and do good work.

RENSSELAER No. 39, Rensselaer.—Nellie Hall, Inspector. Prospects very promising; all were earnest, sympathetic and anxious to promote the good of the Order.

JOHN F. RUCKLE No. 40, Indianapolis.—Melissa Caylor, Inspector. There was a period in the history of this Corps when they were not up to the average. They have renewed their courage and will do more and better work in the future.

SAM HENRY No. 41, Decatur.—Laura Hess, Inspector. There is nothing the matter with Sam Henry Corps. "It's all right."

JAMES R. SLACK No. 42, Huntington.—Laura Hess, Inspector. This Corps is not working up to its privileges, but there is a prospect of a change for the better.

JOSEPH R. GORDON No. 43, Indianapolis.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. The prospects of this Corps are excellent.

MAJOR ANDERSON No. 44, Indianapolis.—Melissa Caylor, Inspector. Conditions and prospects of this Corps are good. They perform the ritualistic work splendidly.

SOL MEREDITH No. 45, Richmond.—Frances T. John, Inspector. This Corps is in splendid condition, well officered and deeply interested in the work.

NELSON TRUSSLER No. 46, Winchester.—Frances John, Inspector. A very active and energetic Corps, doing a good work.

DEACON No. 48, New Carlisle.—Bessie Burns, Inspector. This Corps is still suffering from the effects of a fire which destroyed their hall and everything but their books. They are working very earnestly to retrieve their loss, and deserve the sympathy of the Department.

GEO. H. THOMPSON No. 49, Madison.—Belle Teats, Inspector. In excellent condition, with very flattering prospects of a large increase in membership.

WORTHINGTON No. 50, Worthington.—Elvira Perce, Inspector. Were in a depressed condition, but with new officers and renewed spirit will be successful. They need encouragement.

DUMONT No. 51, Shelbyville.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. This Corps, in some respects, is in good condition. They do very well in the ritualistic work.

CHARLES CASE No. 52, Garrett.—Ida Blair, Inspector. Labors under the same disadvantage as some other towns—too many societies for the number of inhabitants. The work needs concentration.

JOHN P. PORTER No. 53, Geneva.—Lizzie Monks, Inspector. They are composed of good material, and need work only to infuse the proper spirit into the Corps.

WILLIAM SMITH No. 54, Sheridan.—Melissa Caylor, Inspector. Their conditions and prospects are good. The Post

and Corps work in perfect harmony. Their President is untiring in her efforts.

WARRICK No 55, Newburg.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. This Corps is struggling against adverse circumstances, but with good management it may pull through.

S. K. HARRYMAN No. 56, Mooresville.—Elvira Perce, Inspector. In a very flourishing condition and perfect harmony, and while trying to do good work "have good times."

HENRY C. COULTER No. 57, Russiaville.—Ida E. Haushalter, Inspector. Has the elements for a good Corps. Were somewhat discouraged and need encouragement from Department headquarters.

KILPATRICK No. 58, Fremont.—Lizzie M. Townsend, Inspector. This Corps can be trusted to do all their work, which is limited, in a faithful manner.

DUVALL No. 60, Liberty.—Clara Johnson, Inspector. A prosperous, happy Corps, working faithfully and doing all they can for the welfare of the Post.

MCKEEHAN No. 61, North Vernon.—Lucia J. Martin, Inspector. A very good Corps, there being no demands upon them for relief work. They need inspiration, and should seek a wider field. As an incentive thereto, try the Soldiers' Orphans' Home.

J. B. MASON No. 62, Knightstown.—Juliet R. Wood, Inspector. Their ritualistic work was nearly perfect, and the Corps is a good one.

GENERAL SCHENCK No. 63, Marion.—Ida E. Haushalter, Inspector. Few in numbers, condition excellent and ritualistic work perfect. It was a pleasure to witness it.

WM. F. BUTLER No. 65, Camden.—Jennie E. Sherwin, Inspector. In fair condition; will be better. Would that all were as energetic as the President. They can be if they will.

JOEL WOLFE No. 68, Rushville.—Juliet R. Wood, Inspector. Books very neatly kept. This Corps needs instruction in the Rules and Regulations. Prospects good if encouraged.

ISHAM KEITH No. 69, Columbus.—Lucia J. Martin, Inspector. They excel in their work, willing to learn new methods and plans in their work, and will continue to improve.

MAJOR MAY No. 70, Anderson.—Melissa Caylor, Inspector. An army of fairy workers, doing an excellent work, and with prospects of unbounded success.

FAIRFAX No. 71, Westfield.—Melissa Caylor, Inspector. They have fitted up a very cozy hall, and have very flattering prospects. One of the best Corps I have seen.

LOOKOUT No. 72, Noblesville.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. Excellent in every respect.

MCPHERSON No. 74, Crawfordsville.—Kate Milholland, Inspector. This Corps has a large field and should increase their membership. The present membership are good workers and should take a position in the front rank.

PERRYVILLE No. 75, Broad Ripple.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. Was unfortunate in losing their property by fire; were somewhat discouraged, but will come out all right. Courage, sisters!

MAJOR PATTON No. 76, Vevay.—Belle Teats, Inspector. Corps in very good condition and improving.

STEPHEN J. BAILEY No. 77, Portland.—Lizzie Monks, Inspector. They are wide awake, full of vim, have the good of the Order at heart, and perform the ritualistic work with perfect ease.

JAMES PRICE No. 78, Tipton.—Melissa Caylor, Inspector. The prospects of this Corps are good. They need proper instructions, after which they will succeed admirably.

VETERAN No. 79, Winamac.—Laura Hess, Inspector. Membership very small. Members do not take sufficient interest, they need a revival, in which Post and Corps should join.

BENNETT No. 80, Kewanna.—Bessie Burns, Inspector. Small in numbers, but earnest in the work, and with proper encouragement they will prosper.

FAHLER No. 81, Star City.—Nellie Hall, Inspector. All earnest and willing workers. Need instruction.

MILES H. TIBBETTS No. 82, Plymouth.—Bessie Burns, Inspector. They will be more prosperous in the future and consequently do better work.

STONE RIVER No. 84, Frankfort.—Augusta Adams, Inspector. Doing a very creditable relief work; never had any discord, and ranks among the best in the State.

FOUNTAIN CITY No. 85, Fountain City.—Francis John, Inspector. A devoted, earnest band of loyal women, striving to do good and advance the interests of the Order.

LEW DAILY No. 87, Bluffton.—Laura Hess, Inspector. I predict that in the near future the Corps will go into the front rank.

JEFF C. DAVIS No. 88, Vincennes.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. Not enough members present to fill the chairs; no inspection made. They need the inspiration of an earthquake.

BEN NORTH No. 89, Rising Sun.—Belle Teats, Inspector. Corps somewhat divided upon question of eligibility. If they follow Rules and Regulations and admit "loyal women" they will prosper.

WINCHESTER No. 90, Gosport.—Elvira Perce, Inspector. This Corps "has come to stay"—one-half of their membership are young lady members, and they are good ones. What is the reason that a larger proportion of young unmarried ladies can not be brought into the Corps?

MEADE No. 91, Butler.—Ida I. Blair, Inspector. Complains that there are too many auxiliary societies in that town. Corps is fairly prosperous, and will do better next year.

PAUL E. SLOCUM No. 92, Bloomington.—Elvira Perce, Inspector. They are a fine body of women, and doing all that could be expected.

CAMBRIDGE CITY No. 93, Cambridge City.—Frances John, Inspector. Not in good condition because of dissensions among themselves, which might be avoided. They need advice from Department President.

T. J. HARRISON No. 94, Kokomo.—Ida E. Haushalter, Inspector. Corps needs inspiration. They have ability, opportunity, and only lack energy to become one of the best Corps in the Department.

FRANKLIN No. 95, Hortonville.—Melissa Caylor, Inspector. Doing a good work notwithstanding the many disadvantages they labor under.

GEORGE W. LENNARD No. 96, New Castle.—Francis S. John, Inspector. Work in harmony, willing to be instructed, and a very good Corps.

BOOTHROYD No. 97, Delphi.—Jennie E. Sherwin, Inspector. A Corps of loyal, cultured Christian ladies. Books very neatly kept, and they will rank among the "excellent" next year.

ROSSVILLE No. 98, Rossville.—Augusta Adams, Inspector. Attendance of officers is not so good as it should be. No calls for relief. Corps will prosper during the coming year.

MIDDLETON PERFECT No. 99, Pleasant Lake.—Ida I. Blair, Inspector. The inspection encouraged them, and with instructions given, which were very kindly received, I believe they will be prosperous.

SPENCER No. 102, Rockport.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. This Corps is doing good relief work. Its condition fair, with prospects of becoming excellent.

HARRISON CATHCART No. 103, Bristol.—Bessie Burns, Inspector. Corps gathered new inspiration from the inspection, and in future will improve and become a good Corps.

HIRAM G. FISHER No. 104, Lapel.—Ida E. Haushalter, Inspector. A good Corps, with limited opportunities. They will continue to grow and are a valuable auxiliary to the Post.

STILWELL No. 105, Colfax.—Augusta Adams, Inspector. No relief work to do. Harmony prevails between Post and Corps. They need some object to work for, when they would soon become a good Corps.

GETTYSBURG No. 106, Spencer.—Elvira Perce, Inspector. This Corps has not enough relief work to do. They have an excellent set of members, and only need some definite object to work for, when they would soon become one of the best in the State. I predict great prosperity for them in future.

HARROW No. 107, Mt. Vernon.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. The most earnest class of ladies I have ever met, with unusually flattering prospects for the future.

ELWOOD HILL No. 109, Carthage.—Juliet R. Wood, Inspector. Needs instruction, and should not be neglected by Department officers, as it may be made an exceedingly fine Corps.

HACKLEMAN No. 110, Brookville.—Clara Johnson, Inspector. A new Corps, weak in numbers, somewhat discouraged, but if encouraged will gain courage and strength.

BARON STEUBEN No. 111, Hamilton.—Ida I. Blair, Inspector. A Corps to be proud of. Organized last April. They have met at members' homes, but the Post is building a hall in which they will soon have a home. They will rank as excellent next year.

JESSE OGDEN No. 112, Danville.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. Good, with a bright prospect of becoming excellent.

PAP THOMAS No. 113, Greensburg.—Agnes Hitt, Inspector. Their condition is good; will become excellent; they take great interest in the Orphans' Home.

GEORGE MILLER No. 114, Windfall.—Ida E. Haushalter, Inspector. A new Corps, but already veterans in the principles of charity, working hand in hand with the Post, and will become an excellent Corps.

LESLIE No. 115, Seeleyville.—Mary A. McElvain, Inspector. Records well kept. Attendance good and prospects flattering.

SILAS DAVIS No. 116, Burlington.—Jennie E. Sherwin, Inspector. A new Corps, born during a heated political campaign. They have not prospered as they otherwise would have done. They will be all right soon.

ELWOOD No. 117, Elwood.—Ida E. Haushalter, Inspector. They perform all their work very nicely for a new Corps.

WILLIAMS No. 119, Muncie.—Francis John, Inspector. The members of the Corps are interested in the work, and if they will only try faithfully they can have one of the finest Corps in the State. They ought to have 100 members by next inspection.

BENTON No. 120, Fowler.—Augusta Adams, Inspector. Have a very neat and attractive hall, furnished at their expense. Have no calls for relief. They need only a visit or two from some of the Department officers to encourage them and make them one of the best Corps in the department.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

BESSIE L. BURNS,

Department Inspector.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT I. AND I. OFFICER.

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 7, 1889.

To Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary:

DEAR SISTER—As Instituting and Installing Officer, Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to submit to you the following report for the year ending December 31, 1888:

Copner Relief Corps No. 101, Covington, Ind., was instituted January 3, 1888, by Mary Grant, of Attica, Ind., with a charter membership of eleven.

Spencer Relief Corps No. 102, Rockport, Ind., was instituted January 10, 1888, by Jennie Myerhoff, of Evansville, Ind., with a charter membership of fifteen.

Hiram G. Fisher Relief Corps No. 104, Fishersburg, Ind., was instituted February 11, 1888, by Ida E. Haushalter, of Anderson, Ind., with a charter membership of twenty-four.

Stillwell Woman's Relief Corps No. 105, Colfax, Ind., was instituted February 18, 1888, by Eliza J. Cochran, of Indianapolis, Ind., with a charter membership of fourteen.

Gettysburg Relief Corps No. 106, Spencer, Ind., was instituted March 16, 1888, by Laura L. Henry, of Gosport, with a charter membership of thirty-three.

Middleton Perfect Relief Corps No. 99, Pleasant Lake, Ind., was instituted March 10, 1888, by Lizzie M. Townsend, of Angola, with a charter membership of fourteen.

Sanderson Relief Corps No. 9, New Albany, Ind., was reorganized and instituted May 10, 1888, by Sarah E. Pittman, of Bloomington, Ind., with a charter membership of thirty-four.

Harrow Relief Corps No. 107, Mt. Vernon, Ind., was instituted April 2, 1888, by Emily J. Butterfield, with a charter membership of thirty-two.

Jacob Barton Relief Corps No. 108, Inwood, Ind., was instituted April 24, 1888, by R. Sevina Houghton, of Plymouth, Ind., with a charter membership of sixteen.

Elwood Hill No. 109, Carthage, Ind., was instituted April 18, 1888, by Helen M. Crouse, of Knightstown, with a charter membership of twenty-two.

Hackleman No. 110, Brookville, Ind., was instituted April 18, 1888, by Clara Johnson, of Connersville, Ind., with a charter membership of nineteen.

Baron Steuben No. 111, Hamilton, Ind., was instituted April 20, 1888, by Lizzie M. Townsend, of Angola, with a charter membership of fifteen.

Jesse S. Ogden No. 112, Danville, Ind., was instituted May 18, 1888, by L. May Wheeler, of Indianapolis, Ind., with a charter membership of forty-eight.

Pap Thomas No. 113, Greensburg, Ind., was instituted May 21, 1888, by India Hackleman, of Rushville, with a charter membership of twenty-six.

George Miller No. 114, Windfall, Ind., was instituted June 29, 1888, by Melissa Swoveland, of Tipton, with a charter membership of twelve.

Leslie No. 115, Seelyville, Ind., was instituted June 26, 1888, by Mary A. McElvain, of Terre Haute, with a charter membership of twenty-five.

Silas Davis No. 116, Burlington, Ind., was instituted July 18, 1888, by Jennie Sherwin, of Russiaville, Ind., with a charter membership of nineteen.

Elwood No. 117, Elwood, Ind., was instituted July 23, 1888, by May Metcalf, of Anderson, with a charter membership of twenty-five.

Williams No. 119, Muncie, Ind., was instituted July 19, 1888, by Laura Hess, of Wabash, Ind., with a charter membership of fifteen.

Benton No. 120, Fowler, Ind., was instituted August 4, 1888, by Agnes Hitt, of Indianapolis, Ind., with a charter membership of eighteen.

Geo. H. Chapman No. 10, Indianapolis, Ind., was instituted (having been reorganized) September 7, by Agnes Hitt, of Indianapolis, with a charter membership of twelve.

Greencastle No. 23, Greencastle, Ind., reorganized, was instituted October 24, 1888, by Agnes Hitt, of Indianapolis, Ind., with a charter membership of fourteen.

Of the foregoing, six were instituted during the quarter ending March 31, 1888, ten during the quarter ending June 30,

1888, and five during the quarter ending September 30, 1888, and one only properly belonging to the quarter ending December 31, 1888.

Personally, I have not been asked to do as much Department work as my interest and love for the organization prompts, but my heart and thought are faithful to the grand memories which the Woman's Relief Corps represent, and my hands and energies are still, and have, for the past year, been at the service of those in command, when detailed for duty. I am yours in F., C. and L.,

L. MAY WHEELER,

I. and I. Officer, Dept. Ind., W. R. C.

Lizzie South moved, and Alice Ross seconded, that the convention extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Emil Wulschner for generously donating Department headquarters, rent, fuel, light, telephone, and for his and his employes' courteous treatment generally of Department officers.

Ida Haushalter moved, and Frances John supported, that a vote of thanks be sent to the National President for her kind greetings. The Department President then appointed the following committees:

On Officers' Reports.—Margaret Justice, Maria Schlater, Ida Haushalter.

On Resolutions.—Emily J. Butterfield, Martha B. Craig, Josephine Nelson.

A motion was made by Belle Bristow, and seconded by Josephine McGinnis, that business be suspended and comrades in waiting from the G. A. R. encampment, now in session in the city, be admitted. The conductors retired and returned with the following gentlemen: Comrades Travis, Ream, Myerhoff, Caylor, Lozier; and immediately after their presentation to the convention, Comrade Travis submitted the greetings of the Department Encampment as follows:

TOMLINSON HALL,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 13, 1889.

The Department Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, in session, to the Department Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana, extend hearty congratulations and assure the ladies, as our co-laborers in the great principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, that their noble work in the past is appreciated by the comrades.

The report kindly sent to the encampment, showing the advancement made by the W. R. C. during the past year, was received with enthusiasm, and by unanimous vote was ordered to be recorded in the records of this encampment.

We pledge to the W. R. C. our cordial assistance and co-operation, and bid them God speed in their good work.

CHAS. M. TRAVIS,
JOHN H. REAM,
CHAS. H. MYERHOFF,
H. M. CAYLOR,
JOHN HOGARTH LOZIER.

Committee.

Afterwards Chaplain Lozier entertained all with some of his characteristic anecdotes and the singing of his version of the opening ode of the W. R. C., in which he was joined by the convention.

When the comrades had departed, a motion was made by Belle Bristow, seconded by Laura Edmon, that the Ritual be exemplified at once.

Major Robert Anderson Corps No. 44 proceeded with same, the Department officers being in the chairs.

Before the work was completed the Commander-in-Chief and escort were announced, and a motion was made, and carried, that it be suspended and the gentlemen admitted. The Conductors retired and returned with Commander-in-Chief Warner, Past Department Commanders Carnahan and Bennett and Comrade Dugal.

The first named made some timely remarks, followed by Comrade Bennett.

General Carnahan then offered, in his usual eloquent manner, words of encouragement to the convention assembled, urging the Woman's Relief Corps to especially interest themselves in the rapid progress of the Soldiers' Monument now being erected in Indianapolis.

Comrade Dugal also responded to a call for a speech.

At this point the arrival of the wife of the Commander-in-Chief was announced, and Mrs. Warner was received with marked respect. In fact, all were formally introduced and given the courtesy of the military salute from the convention.

Upon the retirement of the guests, the exemplification of the Ritual was resumed and finished.

Moved to adjourn until 9 A. M. Thursday. Carried.

THIRD SESSION.

March 14, 1889.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A. M., Department President in the chair.

The Department Chaplain read a portion of Scripture, when all offered up the Lord's Prayer, after which the convention was declared duly opened for business.

Nettie Ransford was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected and approved.

Greetings and a communication from Armilla A. Cheney, Past National Secretary and Assistant National Inspector of Indiana, were read, which were, on motion of

Flora Wulschner, and supported, ordered printed in this journal.

To the Officers and Members W. R. C., Dep't of Indiana, Greeting:

May Heaven's choicest blessings rest upon you all. May the deliberations of your assembly abound in good words and works, and be rich in all that our triple chain of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty represents and expresses, is the earnest desire of, yours, with a sister's love, in F., C. and L.,

ARMILLA A. CHENEY,
Past National Secretary.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 11, 1889.

*To the Officers and Members of the
Sixth Convention, W. R. C., Department of Indiana:*

While I can not properly present to you an official report, a few words of commendation may be a gratification to the members of the convention.

After a careful examination of the books, papers and effects of this Department it gives me much pleasure to say that I have found the work of your officers to have been done in a most thorough and systematic manner, and correct in every particular.

Most commendable economy has been exercised, and I doubt greatly if any other Department can say that not a cent is due the Department from any Corps. Surely Indiana has a grand record, and proves most conclusively what a body of earnest women, working in unison for such a noble cause, can accomplish.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ARMILLA A. CHENEY.

Mrs. Wright, Assistant Instituting and Installing Officer, Department of Ohio, and Mrs. Winans, of Troy, Ohio, were then introduced.

The Department Secretary called the roll of the convention, and found 184 voting members present.

The President, in answer to questions, said that transfer cards dating back more than one year were valueless; that

all present officers' badges belonged to the Corps, but floor and past officers' badges were individual property.

By order of the President, the Conductor escorted Mother Foster, member of Joseph R. Gordon Corps No. 43, and probably the most aged of Indiana's W. R. C., to the platform.

Belle Bristow, Mary T. Clark, Eliza J. Cochran and Anna Morris were appointed tellers, and the convention proceeded to the election of officers.

The result of the ballot placed the two following names in nomination for President: Jennie Myerhoff, of Evansville, and Melissa Caylor, of Noblesville.

Whole number of votes cast, 186; necessary to a choice, 94. Jennie Myerhoff received 148, Melissa Caylor 38.

Juliet R. Wood moved that the Department Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the convention for Jennie Myerhoff. Carried.

She was then introduced by the President, and responded, thanking the Convention for this overwhelming proof of their confidence, and pledged herself to perform the duties conscientiously.

On motion of Flora Wulschner, seconded by Alice Ross, Melissa Caylor was elected Senior Vice-President, the Department Secretary casting the vote of the convention.

The motion of Alice Ross, to instruct the Department Secretary to cast the vote for Sarah E. Pittman for Junior Vice-President, was not carried, and nominations were made as follows: Sarah E. Pittman, of Bloomington; Mary D. Travis, of Crawfordsville; Martha B. Craig, of Princeton. The last mentioned withdrew her name.

Whole number of votes cast, 174; necessary to a choice, 88. Mary D. Travis received 102, Sarah E. Pittman 72.

Mary D. Travis was declared duly elected.

Belle Bristow moved to adjourn until 2 o'clock P. M. Carried.

FOURTH SESSION.

The convention was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M., and Lizzie J. Smythe appointed Assistant Conductor.

Juliet R. Wood moved, and was supported, to suspend the usual order of business and elect the Executive Board. Carried, with the following result: Belle Bristow, of Indianapolis; Mary Mulky, of Bloomington; Carrie Hoskins, of Indianapolis; Ida Haushalter, of Anderson; Margaret Justice, of Logansport.

On motion of Frances S. Johns, and supported, the Department Secretary cast the vote for Martha E. Grill, of Evansville, for Treasurer.

The motion of Adelia New, to cast the ballot for Sarah E. Pittman, for Department Chaplain, was lost.

Lizzie Monks moved, and was supported, that the Department Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Martha B. Craig, Bloomington, for Chaplain. Carried.

The number of delegates to the National Convention was announced by the Department President to be one delegate at large and four delegates, and a corresponding number of alternates. (It seems proper to state just here that owing to a misapprehension of the Department President, the Convention did not elect the whole number of delegates and alternates to which Indiana was entitled, and the fifth delegate and alternate will be elected later on by the Department Council, when due notice thereof will be given). Juliet R. Wood moved, and was unanimously supported, that the requisite number of delegates and alternates be supplied from the list of nominees by convention according to their seniority in votes cast.

The following delegates and alternates were then elected:

Delegate-at-large, Malinda A. Siddall, Indianapolis, 88 votes.

Alternate-at-large, Juliet R. Wood, 42 votes.

Juliet R. Wood withdrew her name as alternate-at-large, and Bessie Burns moved, and Flora Wulschner seconded, that Laura Hess, of Wabash, be elected alternate-at-large by acclamation. Carried.

Delegates, Maria L. Schlater, Richmond, 88 votes; Mary Ellis, Westfield, 83 votes; Martha M. Smith, South Bend, 72 votes; Anna Morris, Knightstown, 64 votes.

Alternates, Augusta F. Adams, Frankfort, 50 votes; Nettie Bonner, North Manchester, 41 votes; Juliet R. Wood, Knightstown, 40 votes; Lizzie E. South, Indianapolis, 36 votes.

General Orders No. 3, May 6, 1889, from Department Headquarters, Evansville, announces that "by advice of National President the vacancy in the representation to National Convention is filled by the appointment of Henrietta E. Perry, of Ellettsville, as delegate, and Jane Kercheval, of Sheridan, alternate."

Governor Alvin P. Hovey was then announced in waiting, escorted to the platform, introduced and given the military salute by the convention, to which he spoke a few encouraging words.

Mrs. A. O. Buck, of Oxford, Ohio, was also presented.

Greetings from the Convention of Michigan assembled were received and responded to. Greetings were also sent to Department Convention assembled at Emporia, Kansas.

BAY CITY, MICH., March 14, 1889.

To Agnes Hitt, Dept. Prest., Ind. W. R. C.:

Michigan Woman's Relief Corps, in convention assembled, extends to Indiana her warmest friendship. May heaven's richest blessing rest on you to-day. LOUISE A. ROBBINS,

Dept. Prest., Michigan W. R. C.

Juliet R. Wood moved, and was supported, that the minutes of the Council meetings should be presented to the convention.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 5, 1888.

The Council of Woman's Relief Corps of Indiana met at 10 A. M., pursuant to a call of Department President.

The meeting was called on advice of National President, Emma Stark Hampton.

The following members were present:

Agnes Hitt, Department President; Juliet R. Wood, Knights-town; Jennie Myerhoff, Evansville; Laura Hess, Wabash; India Hackleman, Rushville; L. May Wheeler.

The decision of the National President was read regarding the annulment of the charters of the two Geo. H. Chapman Corps of both Divisions.

A letter was read from Post Commander Carey McPherson, of Geo. H. Chapman, G. A. R. Post, No. 109. Also, an application for charter by ladies who are members of the families of the comrades of the Post. Also, a letter from Past Post Commander John A. M. Cox in the interest of the faction represented by the application. Also, the advice by the National President, Emma Stark Hampton.

An informal conversation ensued upon the matter in question, that in case the charter is issued by Agnes Hitt, Department President, the decision of the National President, Emma Stark Hampton, will be questioned in the next National Convention regarding her right to annul the charters of both Corps. On the other hand, if the charter is not granted, the Corps will be reorganized independently, which may produce trouble in the Post, and probable division.

Mrs. Hitt said, the matter lies in the hands of the Council, and after a fair and full discussion, the following resolution was presented by Juliet R. Wood, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We, as members of the Department of Indiana W. R. C. Council, beg leave to offer the following advice to the Department Pres-

dent, Agnes Hitt. We feel that the action of the George H. Chapman Corps No. 10, whose charters were revoked February 22, 1888, that the present application does not embrace both Corps, but will still leave a division in Corps and Post; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we consider it inadvisable to grant a new charter until such time as they shall council together striving to unite the members of the Corps in one, making harmony in Post and Department, as ought to prevail in such a society as the Woman's Relief Corps.

A bill of \$26.30, expenses of the Visiting Committee to the Knightstown Orphans' Home, was presented by Juliet R. Wood, and, on motion of L. May Wheeler, seconded by India Hackleman, allowed.

The following motion was made by India Hackleman, seconded by L. May Wheeler:

That the Council take up the question of officers' salaries, and if, on examination of the minutes, the Executive Board should prove to have been authorized to attend to that duty, the Secretary make no minute of the action, and the Department President refer the subject to the Executive Board.

Carried.

Motion, by L. May Wheeler that the salary of Department Treasurer be placed at \$100. Carried.

Moved, by L. May Wheeler, that the salary of Department Secretary be placed at \$100. Carried.

Motion, by L. May Wheeler, to adjourn. Carried.

L. MAY WHEELER,
Secretary pro tem.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 12, 1889.

The Council of the Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps, met, pursuant to General Order No. 6, at 3 P. M., at the Denison Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind. The following members were present: Agnes Hitt, Laura Hess, Jennie Myerhoff, Flora Wulschner, Sallie C. Haskell, Abigail Hawkins, Mary D. Travis, Juliet R. Wood, Sarah E. Pittman and Sara P. Foster.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Circular letter No. 1, and also a personal letter from Charity Rusk Craig, National President, appertaining to the little six-

year-old crippled boy in Crystal River, Fla., for whom she appealed for aid, were presented and discussed.

Abigail Hawkins moved, and Sarah E. Pittman seconded, that the Department Headquarters contribute \$10 and the Corps throughout the Department be asked to each give 50 cents to this purpose. Carried.

Abigail D. Hawkins moved, and Mary D. Travis seconded, to allow the railroad expenses of the Visiting Committee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Knightstown, Eliza J. Cochran, Chairman. Carried.

Juliet R. Wood moved, and Abigail D. Hawkins seconded, that an additional \$25 be given to each Department Secretary and Treasurer. Carried.

The Greencastle Corps No. 23, which disbanded and reorganized, had made a request that its old record book be returned from Department Headquarters. Abigail D. Hawkins moved that the Department Council grant their wish. Sarah E. Pittman seconded the motion. Carried.

Resolution offered by Juliet R. Wood, Chairman of the Executive Board, Department Council, W. R. C.:

WHEREAS, A large accumulation of obsolete matter is now at Department headquarters,

Resolved, That said obsolete matter be destroyed.

Abigail D. Hawkins moved that the Council adjourn, subject to the call of the Department President, in case it be necessary during the convention. Seconded by Juliet R. Wood. Carried.

FLORA WULSCHNER,
Department Secretary.

The Committee on Resolutions, through its chairman, Emily J. Butterfield, offered the following report, which was adopted:

Resolutions submitted to the Sixth Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, held in Indianapolis, March 13 and 14, 1889 :

WHEREAS, It has been shown by the reports of officers made to this convention that the reports of subordinate officers show many inaccuracies, thereby greatly retarding the growth and prospects of the Order, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That Corps Presidents be instructed to more thoroughly acquaint themselves with the rules and regulations respecting the duties of all the officers of the Corps and examine all reports before being forwarded.

Resolved, 2. That all contributions to Christmas offerings for the children at Knightstown shall be made in money, the same to be placed in the hands of the committee not later than December 1, 1889.

Resolved, 3. That a committee be appointed by the President to correspond with all Camps of "Sons of Veterans" in Indiana to unite with the Woman's Relief Corps in insisting that both Orders show more respect and honor to all soldiers by speaking of them in terms of veneration and saluting. The same to be respectfully presented by the delegates sent by this Department to the National Convention.

Resolved, 4. That at our next convention the location of the several delegations be marked by the number of the Corps conspicuously displayed, and more Conductors appointed.

Resolved, 5. That each Corps pay the traveling expenses of the delegates to Department Convention.

Resolved, 6. That a committee be appointed by the President to purchase a badge to be presented to our Past Department President, Agnes Hitt.

Resolved, 7. That the Sixth Convention of the W. R. C. express to Major Warner, National Commander of the G. A. R., their high appreciation of his visit and his words of cheer and encouragement so eloquently expressed.

Resolved, 8. That our warmest thanks are due the encampment of the G. A. R. for their hearty support and words of commendation as expressed by their visiting committee.

Resolved, 9. That we tender our thanks to Chaplain Lozier for his witty speech, and the ode written and warranted by him to be within the compass of any woman's voice.

Resolved, 10. That a vote of thanks be given to Governor A.

P. Hovey for the eloquent tribute paid to the soldiers' friends—the mothers, wives and sweethearts of the "boys in blue."

Resolved, 11. That we gratefully acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Emil Wulschner in furnishing a piano, order of business programme, etc., for the use of convention.

Resolved, 12. That the visiting delegations of the W. R. C thank the sisters of Indianapolis Corps for the nice lunch provided each day, and for other courtesies extended to the convention. Respectfully submitted,

EMILY J. BUTTERFIELD,

MARTHA B. CRAIG,

JOSEPHINE E. NELSON,

Committee.

The report of the Committee on Officers' Reports was then received, through its chairman, Margaret P. Justice:

The committee appointed on officers' reports beg leave to submit the following:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

In considering the recommendations we indorse the following:

1st. That the amount appropriated for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument was too small, and that some plan should be adopted to increase the fund. Inasmuch as the Legislature has adjourned and nothing can be accomplished this year toward legalizing the visiting committee to the Orphan's Home at Knightstown, we would recommend that the visiting committee be continued, and that they ask permission of the State Board of Charities to meet with them and present the needs of the Home.

We feel assured that the work of the President for the past year has been fully appreciated, and recommend that her report be accepted.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

The suggestion made by the Senior Vice-President that authority be given the Department President to call together the

Inspector and her assistants for instructions, before sending them out, that the ritualistic work of the Department might be more uniform, is very heartily indorsed by this committee, and we would recommend that some action pertaining to this be taken by this convention.

This report, as a whole, is very able and we recommend its adoption.

JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

This report gives us an example of what can be accomplished by earnest women in caring for the Nation's wards.

We recommend its adoption.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We have carefully examined this report and would emphasize the suggestion made by the Secretary, especially with regard to reports and returns, that they be promptly and carefully made and forwarded. If duplicate reports were regularly filed, less trouble would be experienced in the performance of this work. The recommendation that the "obsolete stock of Corps supplies and matter of all description, whether printed or manuscript, be destroyed," is approved by this committee. We heartily recommend the adoption of this very complete and excellent report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

We have carefully considered this report and find the totals perfectly correct, and recommended that it be adopted entire.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The advice contained in this report is very valuable, and if heeded will very materially aid the work of Inspectors.

We find in this report that the inspection of the Corps was not complete, by reason of the inability of the Assistant Inspectors to perform their duty, because of ill health. We would recommend that Assistant Inspectors, having reason to believe

they will not be able to perform the work assigned them, should immediately notify the Inspector, that other Assistants may be appointed.

We recommend the adoption of this report with the exception of making the change in the blanks, as this comes under National jurisdiction.

INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER.

We find this report complete, and recommend its adoption.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

The Committee recommend that in consequence of the tardiness of Corps Chaplains' reports reaching Department Chaplain, that Presidents instruct their Corps Chaplain to forward reports within twenty days from date of Memorial Day.

Secondly, we recommend that the suggestions of the Chaplain with reference to the "Home for Aged Mothers and Enfeebled Sisters," receive the consideration of this body. The advice contained in this report is most excellent. We recommend its adoption.

COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

Inasmuch as the opinions contained in this report have been acted upon by the National President, it has therefore passed out of our jurisdiction.

In conclusion we would recommend that reports be made as systematic as possible and endeavor to place each subject under its proper heading. This would facilitate the work of the Committee and enable them to render a more satisfactory report.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MARGARET P. JUSTICE,
Chairman.

IDA E. HAUSHALTER,
Secretary.

MARIA L. SCHLATER.

Immediately after the reading of this report Department Commander Travis and his staff were announced and escorted to the platform by Flora Wulschner and Annie Weldon, where they were received with due honor.

Commander Travis assured the W. R. C. of his hearty approval and support. Brief remarks were made by other comrades, when Annie Weldon, Chairman of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home Christmas Committee, made her report, which was followed by that of Adelia Henley, Chairman of the Visiting Committee of the Home.

FORT WAYNE, March 1, 1889.

Agnes Hitt, President Department Ind. W. R. C., Indianapolis:

We have the pleasure of submitting to you the following report of Christmas Committee:

In compliance with general order No. 4, dated October 15, 1888, the Christmas Committee proceeded at once to correspond with Visiting Committee. Unfortunately, they had taken other work upon their hands and found it impossible to render us any assistance. This was indeed to be regretted, as their past experience in connection with the Home would have been of great benefit to us.

Mr. Morris, Superintendent of the Home, upon request, furnished the committee with a printed list of childrens' names, their ages and sex.

The campaign year just closing, in which business of every kind had been neglected, with 352 orphans looking forward to the merry Christmas time, it was indeed with many misgivings and timid steps the work was begun.

On October 29 the following invitation was sent to Department Commander A. D. Vanosdol:

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA W. R. C.,
FORT WAYNE, October 29, 1888.

A. D. Vanosdol, Department Commander G. A. R.:

DEAR SIR—The Christmas Committee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home, extend to you, and through you to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the State of Indiana, a cordial invitation to participate with the Woman's Relief Corps, in giving to our Orphans, upon the 1888th anniversary of our Saviour's birth, a glad and Merry Christmas.

ANNIE WELDON,
ABIGAIL HAWKINS,
SALLIE JACKSON,
Committee.

In response to this, Commander Vanosdol requested, in a general order, that Posts contribute to the noble cause. Upon the same date, October 29, a circular letter was sent to all Corps, copy attached. After consulting with Mrs. Hitt, Department President, it was decided that all Corps should, as far as possible, send their contributions in money. Accordingly postals were sent to that effect. This proved to be very satisfactory, as many gifts sent by Corps were not suitable, and after other arrangements had been made by the Committee, gifts had to be procured for these children.

To Corps who were not as prompt as they should have been in responding, personal letters and postals were sent. The Committee also responded in acknowledgment of all moneys received or information asked.

Upon December 18 a visit was made to the Home, where we were kindly received by Mr. and Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. Wood, matron, through whose kindness we were enabled to obtain a list of the children, with an idea of their wishes from their governesses, which aided the Committee in their selections, and having sufficient means we were able to comply with each child's wishes.

The instructions to the Committee were as far as possible carried out, and the gifts equally distributed. After consulting with the G. A. R. committee, it was thought advisable to present to the older ones, who will soon leave the "Home," more valuable gifts, and to the younger ones, besides their personal gifts, division gifts; these consisted of a large music box, six iron frame express wagons, four blacking sets, a photograph outfit, a large number of games, etc.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ANNIE WELDON,
ABIGAIL D. HAWKINS,
SALLIE C. JACKSON,

Committee.

FORT WAYNE, IND., October 29, 1888.

President Woman's Relief Corps No.—:

In compliance with Article No. 5, General Order No. 4, dated Indianapolis, October 13, 1888, the Christmas Committee desire that your Corps take immediate action upon this grand and noble work. Contributions of money, books, toys, or any thing suitable for a Christmas present, (except articles of clothing, which is furnished by the State) is asked for. You will please state the number of children your Corps desire to provide for, that their names, age and sex may be sent you.

Let it be the duty of each Corps to help gladden the hearts of these wards of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps of the State of Indiana.

ANNIE WELDON,
Chairman Christmas Committee.

No. 395 SOUTH CALHOUN ST.,
FT. WAYNE, IND.

REPORT OF MONEYS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED.

CORPS NO.	Receipts.
100, Wm. A. Boyd, Dublin	\$3 00
78, James Price, Tipton	5 00
19, John A. Logan, N. Manchester	4 00
81, Fahler, Star City	3 00
97, Boothroyd, Delphi	3 00
2, De Long, Auburn	5 00
8, Jas. H. Emmett, Wabash	5 00
87, Lew Dailey, Bluffton	2 00
20, Geo. H. Thomas, Indianapolis	10 00
35, Tippecanoe, Monticello	5 00
71, Fairfax, Westfield	1 00
18, Farragut, Evansville	5 00
Private contribution from Brazil	1 00
117, Elwood, Elwood	1 00
70, Major May, Anderson	2 00
89, Ben North, Rising Sun	2 00
49, G. H. Thompson, Madison	1 00
72, Lookout, Noblesville	5 00
40, John F. Ruckle, Indianapolis	5 00
80, Bennett, Kewanna	5 00
17, Ed. Temple, South Milford	3 00
22, General Burnside, Attica	2 00

CORPS NO.

51, Dumont, Shelbyville	\$ 2 50
99, Middleton Perfect, Pleasant Lake	2 00
90, Winchester, Gosport	1 50
93, Cambridge City, Cambridge City	2 00
96, Geo. W. Lennard, New Castle	5 00
112, Jesse Ogden, Danville	2 50
45, Sol Meredith, Richmond	5 00
62, J. B. Mason, Knightstown	10 00
68, Joel Wolfe, Rushville	5 00
46, Nelson Trusler, Winchester	4 50
39, Rensselaer, Rensselaer	4 00
14, Auten, South Bend	5 00
9, Sanderson, New Albany	2 00
41, Sam Henry, Decatur	5 00
24, Chaplain Brown, Valparaiso	1 00
31, Archer, Princeton	3 90
69, Isham Keith, Columbus	5 00
109, Elwood Hill, Carthage	90
75, Perryville, Broad Ripple	2 00
60, Duvall, Liberty	2 00
32, Howell, Goshen	3 00
53, John R. Porter, Geneva	2 00
37, B. J. Crosswait, Angola	5 00
27, Waterloo, Waterloo	5 00
107, Harrow, Mt. Vernon	5 00
54, William Smith, Sheridan	5 00
34, W. B. Reyburn, Peru	2 00
94, T. J. Harrison, Kokomo	3 00
25, Connersville, Connersville	3 00
36, Hartzog, Bremen	1 50

Total receipts, W. R. C. \$183 30

Received from C. E. Whitsit, Assistant Quarter-master-General, G. A. R., as per his letter dated January 16th, attached \$146 97

Making total receipts \$330 27

Disbursements.

Chas. Mayer & Co., received bills attached	\$270 98
E. W. Blinn, " " "	8 35
J. Bristow, " " "	1 00

L. S. Ayres & Co.,	"	"	"	.	.	\$2 65
"	"	"	"	.	.	4 45
Pettis, Bassett & Co.,	"	"	"	.	.	2 25
Emil Wulschner,	"	"	"	.	.	35 00
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Expenses						\$5 59

The following donations were also received:

Stephen J. Bailey, Corps 72, Portland, one box toys; Cicero Corps 26, Cicero, two books; S. K. Harryman Corps 56, Mooresville, books; Major Anderson Corps 44, Indianapolis, scrap books for ten children; Sion S. Bass Corps 7, Fort Wayne, three work boxes, one book, and one writing desk; Mrs. Cassandra Robbins, Indianapolis, provided for four girls; Miss Ida Robbins, Indianapolis, provided for two girls; ladies of Geo. Humphrey Post, Fort Wayne, thirteen solid silver thimbles; Mrs. N. Mason, Fort Wayne, vocal and instrumental music; A. O. Bachman Corps 6, Madison, one wax doll and one drum; Paul E. Slocum Corps 92, Bloomington, one box valued at \$4.00.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 16, 1889.

Mrs. Annie Weldon, Ft. Wayne, Ind.:

DEAR MADAME—Yours received. The total collections from G. A. R. was \$150.17. Paid to committee, \$145.07. Expended for albums, telegrams and exchange, \$3.20. Balance on hand, which I enclose to you, \$1.90, making the amount received by your committee, \$146.97.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

C. E. WHITSIT.

The Soldiers' Orphans' Home to Charles Mayer & Co., Dr.

One and one-half dozen jt. dolls	\$3 00
One and one-quarter dozen kid dolls	10 62
One dozen doll bodies	2 00
One-half dozen doll heads	1 38
One-half dozen doll heads	82
One-sixth dozen dishes	1 75
One-sixth dozen walnut blocks	1 33
One-sixth dozen building blocks	1 50
One-sixth dozen cube house blocks	2 00
One-sixth dozen steamboat puzzles	1 00
One-twelfth dozen maps of North America	88
One-fourth dozen prize animals	1 25

One-sixth dozen sectional railroad puzzles	\$0 83
One-sixth dozen sectional circuses	84
One-sixth dozen model ship puzzles	1 33
One sixth dozen locomotive puzzles	83
One-half dozen dist. map of Indiana	33
Four dozen toy watches	1 60
Two dozen choral tops	4 00
One dozen kaleidoscopes	4 00
One dozen castors	8 00
One dozen sleighs	8 50
One-twelfth dozen rubber dolls	42
Two dozen bat balls	1 70
Two gross jack-stones	40
One gross jack-stone balls	1 00
Two and one-half dozen toilet cases	56 25
Two dozen harps	8 00
One-twelfth dozen "Chatter Box"	50
One-twelfth dozen "Mother Goose"	40
One-twelfth dozen Swiss Family	67
Thirty-six pair skates	20 16
Twenty work-boxes	20 00
One dozen work-boxes	12 00
One-quarter dozen bell harps	1 50
One-third dozen lap pads	4 50
One-twelfth dozen gent's leather toilet	1 25
One-half dozen Arab dominoes	1 88
One set chessmen	1 85
One hundred china agate marbles	30
One hundred Jasper marbles	30
One hundred glazed gilt marbles	50
One hundred glass marbles	60
Five hundred marbles	30
One thousand glass marbles	35
Five hundred Jack straws	1 75
One-half dozen Fish Pond game	95
One-sixth dozen backgammon boards	8 00
One chess board	29
One-quarter dozen kindergarten blocks	94
One-quarter dozen blocks	1 38
One-sixth dozen base ball game	1 50
One-sixth dozen bagatelle boards	3 25
One-sixth dozen magic lanterns	1 50
One-sixth dozen carts	20
Six pair skates	3 36

One-quarter dozen "Moneta"	1 00
One-fourth dozen Imp. Authors	88
One-fourth dozen Asst. Base Ball	44
One-quarter dozen Peter Copley's Travelers	44
One-quarter dozen game of Old Maid	48
One-sixth dozen Historical Cards	1 00
One-sixth dozen wagons	6 00
One-sixth dozen wagons	5 00
One-sixth dozen wagons	4 50
Two only 34 black set	5 70
One-sixth dozen wheelbarrows	1 00
Three velvet backs	60
Two copies Ben Hur	2 00
Three copies flexible Bibles	2 55
One copy Daniel Boone	30
Two copies Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales	50
One copy Uncle Tom's Cabin	70
One copy Longfellow	75
One copy Puck, fin	1 70
Two piece blacking set	5 70
Boxing	2 02
Total	\$252 40

The following amounts were also paid, itemized bills of which I now have on file:

Charles Mayer & Co.	\$ 5 00
Charles Mayer & Co	13 58
E. W. Blinn.	8 35
J. Bristow	1 02
L. S. Ayres & Co	2 00
L. S. Ayres & Co	3 80
Pettis, Bassett & Co	2 25
Emil Wulschner	35 00

ANNIE WELDON,
Chairman Committee.

WABASH, IND., March 13, 1889.

To Annual Convention, Department Indiana Woman's Relief Corps:

PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS—"Under the guidance of a good Providence, the administration of Abraham Lincoln was crowned with immortal honors. And no calamity could wound so great

a number of hearts as that which sent him to his grave—one needs not to dwell on what no pen can describe, and on what no adult living at that time can ever forget." The terrible news quickly spread. At that time one of Indiana's regiments was camped at Spring Hill, near Mobile. The paymaster had but lately visited them. Although it was but \$13 a month, some gave one, others two months' pay, as a tribute to the memory of our martyred President—their father, brother and friend.

A committee from the regiment prevailed on Mrs. Dr. New, one of the noble women who had done and gone through so much for the relief of Indiana soldiers, to convey the money to Gov. Morton. The passengers from Mobile to New Orleans were rebel prisoners, her guard a contraband.

The transfer was effected and reported. On the return of the regiment, at the close of the war, Gov. Morton, in an interview with the officers, stated that no effort had been made, or was likely to be made, to erect a State monument to Lincoln, as the Forty-seventh was the only regiment that had done anything in that direction. After commending them for the generous deed, he suggested the money be applied towards a soldiers' home. Thoughtful of and as provident for the comfort of the disabled veterans as he had been prompt to equip and send to the field the volunteers and new recruits.

Thus the \$1,100 tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln was the corner-stone to the Soldiers' Home, our present Soldiers' Orphans' Home.

This Home has passed through fearful trials and sorrowful experience. Fire and fiends had almost wiped it out of existence. But the Grand Army of the Republic speedily avenged the wrongs done innocent children. A cyclone of revolution has swept over the little farm, and all signs of past mismanagement and corruption have disappeared. A new Home, chapel and industrial buildings adorn the grounds; every means for the benefit and preparation for future usefulness of the boys and girls is being used to the extent of all appropriations. This committee have made three visits to the Home; the first, in

April, was at an unfavorable time; the building, still unfinished, had been occupied but a short time; the grounds in a state of upheaval for gas and sewer-pipes; the domestic department in confusion, the cooks having left "without warning," and the Superintendent quite ill. Having just visited the Ohio Orphans' Home with the Matron, Mrs. J. R. Wood, impressed with the economical and convenient arrangement, thorough management and completeness in every department, the contrast was noticeable. But our intelligent and experienced Matron was soon in control, ruling with kind words and encouraging help, putting into immediate practice many suggestions received at the Ohio Home. The succeeding visits were made under pleasant and encouraging circumstances, and receiving every courtesy from officials and employes. In the industrial department, which has been added the past year, are the printing press, shoe shop and bakery. Their excellent paper, "The Home Journal," is printed by the boys; their work should be encouraged, and the paper sustained. The girls assist in the sewing-room, dormitories and dining room. We have found the children happy and in very good condition, although very much crowded.

Thanks are due W. R. C. No. 43, Indianapolis, and No. 11, Terre Haute, for table furnishing; No. 14, South Bend, donation of money, used in framing pictures; Mrs. Bristow, donation of four pictures; Mrs. McDougal and Warne, for jellies to sick boy, who has since died of consumption. Never since Christmas has been observed at the Home has it been so liberal as the last one, and we congratulate the Christmas Committee on the success of their labor of love.

Members of this Committee have at different times given articles of convenience and comfort for division rooms, decorations for the walls, and presents to many of the children. The work has been exceedingly pleasant to us, and we hope with some good results to the inmates of the institution. The traveling expenses of this Committee to the Ohio Home and to Knights-town on their first visit, \$26.60, were paid by the Department also stationery. All other expenses on subsequent visits were met by Committee.

The remaining members of this Committee were sorry, indeed, to lose, by honorable discharge, their good president, Mrs. Robbins, but when her health is recovered, we hope to see her with us again.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ADELIA HENLEY,

ELIZA J. COCHRAN,

Committee.

DEPARTMENT BOARD OF VISITORS, W. R. C.,
INDIANA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHANS' HOME,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 11, 1889.

Mrs. Adelia Henley, Wabash, Ind.:

DEAR SISTER—As Treasurer of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Committee, I send you a statement of the money received and disbursed by me:

RECEIPTS.

Received from the Department	\$26 60
Received from Mrs. Cassandra Robbins	3 00
	\$29 60

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Mrs. Cassandra Robbins	\$ 7 50
Paid to Mrs. Adelia Henley	11 60
Paid to Mrs. Eliza J. Cochran	7 50
Paid to Mrs. Cassandra Robbins	2 00
Paid to Mrs. Cassandra Robbins, engraving	18
Paid to Mrs. Cassandra Robbins, picture frames	82
	29 60

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ELIZA J. COCHRAN,

Treasurer Committee.

Sarah E. Pittman, one of the three Trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, thanked the W. R. C. and G. A. R., in its behalf, for their generous remembrance of the children at Christmas time.

Commander Travis and staff then withdrew.

A motion to adjourn to meet again, at 7:30 P. M., at George H. Thomas Post Hall, was carried.

FIFTH SESSION.

Convention called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Moved, by Lizzie Spahr, and supported, that Adelia Henley's report be accepted and that the Visiting and Christmas Committees of Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home be consolidated. Carried.

Moved by Carrie Hoskins, and seconded by Kate Cox, that Annie Weldon's report be embodied in this Journal. Carried.

Mary Athey moved that the convention give a rising vote of thanks to local Corps of Indianapolis. Seconded by Sallie C. Jackson. Carried.

After much discussion as to how the fund for a Woman's Relief Corps tablet on Soldier's and Sailor's Monument be raised, what proportion to each corps, etc., etc., Malinda A. Siddall moved, and Laura Hess seconded, that the whole matter be intrusted to the incoming Department President. Carried.

Vesta Hood moved, Maria Schlater seconded, an adjournment to assemble in seventh annual convention, in Indianapolis. Carried.

The doors were then thrown open, and comrades and friends in the ante-room admitted to witness the installation of officers. Flora Wulschner, at the request of the officers-elect, presided at the installation, and proceeded, with Belle Bristow, Conductor, to install the following officers:

JENNIE MYERHOFF, Department President.

MELISSA A. CAYLOR, Department Senior Vice-President.

MARY D. TRAVIS, Department Junior Vice-President.

EMILY J. BUTTERFIELD, Department Secretary.

MARTHA E. GRILL, Department Treasurer.

Laura Hess, Department Inspector.

MARY ATHEY, Department Instituting and Installing Officer.

Executive Board Department Council.—Belle Bristow, Mary Mulky, Carrie Hoskins, Ida Haushalter, and Margaret Justice.

Through illness on the part of the Department Chaplain-elect, Martha B. Craig, and a misunderstanding on the part of the Department Counselor-elect, Elvira Perce, they were absent during the evening session, but the former was, later on, installed by the Department President, Jennie Myerhoff, in Evansville, and the latter by Past Department President, Flora Wulschner, in Indianapolis.

After a few timely and excellent remarks from the Department President, she called a meeting of the Council at 8:30, next morning, at Emil Wulschner's Music House, Nos. 42 and 44 North Pennsylvania Street, old Department Headquarters.

Short speeches were made by Department Commander Travis, A. A. G. Walker, and others, when the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a record of the proceedings of the Sixth Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana.

FLORA WULSCHNER,
Department Secretary.

By order of the Department President, Jennie Myerhoff, the ensuing address of Past Department President, Flora Wulschner, delivered at the Department Encampment, G. A. R. Camp Fire, March 13th 1889, Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, Ind., is embodied in this Journal.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 13, 1889.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps:

Exceedingly appreciative of the high honor bestowed upon me, the representative of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana, I fervently trust that I may do credit to your selection.

The date of the first membership of the Woman's Relief Corps has not yet been ascertained; while there are still doubts of the membership of Mother Eve in our Order, yet immediately following were members of the Relief Corps. During wars, while men went forth to battle, women rendered such assistance as to well merit the title of auxiliary.

Everywhere in our late war, they were found ministering with loving care to the soldier.

Whether in the hospital or home, woman discharged her full duty; the hand of the soldier was ever upheld, and when he had become citizen again, the Relief Corps was not mustered out. From camp to home, from soldier to citizen was a great leap.

Without employment or means of support, their condition would have been deplorable indeed, if the women had not come to the relief of the helpless soldier and the widows and children of our "Nation's dead."

In 1870, at the fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, reference was made to the charity work of woman, and there seemed to be a desire that some Order should be made to show their service.

At the fifth and seventh encampments the subject was again agitated and at the fourteenth encampment, a committee was appointed to carefully consider it, and report at the next annual meeting.

At the fifteenth encampment, held in Indianapolis, in 1881, in Masonic Hall, in the very same room in which the W. R. C. met to-day, the following resolutions were reported by the G. A. R. committee and adopted:

Resolved, That we approve of the project entertained of organizing a Woman's Relief Corps.

Resolved, That such Woman's Relief Corps may use, under such title the words, "Auxiliary to the G. A. R., by special indorsement of the National Encampment of the G. A. R., June 15, 1881."

In 1883, Commander-in-Chief Vandervoort issued an invitation, in General Order No. 11, G. A. R., asking all women interested to meet at Denver and form a national organization.

Sixteen States were represented in Denver July 25 and 26, 1883, and the organization of the National Order of the Woman's Relief Corps was perfected; an order that should embrace within its membership the loyal women of every State who were willing to unite in a fraternity whose object should be to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in all its work of charity, and in every possible way alleviate the distress or suffering of any needy veteran soldier or sailor of the war of the rebellion, his widow or orphan.

From the inception of this movement, and its institution, nearly six years ago, the formation has resolved itself into a powerful body of 65,000 members, having attained a success only exceeded by the Grand Army of the Republic, and the mission of the Woman's Relief Corps will surely grow as the veterans of the war advance toward decrepitude.

Within the last two years our department has made gigantic strides in growth. Forty-six operative corps, with a membership of 1,613, on March 31, 1887, had become 102 corps, with 3,253 members, on February 23, 1888, and to-day we number 111 corps, with a membership of 3,818. In the year 1887 we expended in charity \$3,359.22, and in the past year \$5,323.73. To-day we stand second only to the most glorious charitable organization in the land, an Order embracing every color, nationality and religion, and yet the work which we are destined still to do for the needy veteran is immeasurable. What, with heroes in meagre homes of want, with comrades dying in almshouses, with their widows bowed under weight of years and heavy trials, with the orphans as waifs blown about by the winds, it is no time for women to graduate from the service in which, twenty-nine years ago, they enlisted for life, just as surely as their husband, or father, or brother, or friend, buckled on his knapsack and donned the Union blue. We must be as worthy members of this division of the G. A. R. now, as we were of the other division of the Grand Army then. Just as self-denying, disciplined in patience, fortitude and self-control.

To be sure our battle fields were only known to God and self. These conflicts were not of a belligerent character, and yet its

soldiers were scattered over this fair land of ours, ready to do and dare at the first sound of the distant bugle.

Patriotism is a virtue not confined to masculinity ; when the call for the war was heard, it found thousands of wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and sweethearts ready to lay their hearts' best friend upon their country's altar ; so, although our casualties do not enumerate as yours, comrades, in wounds by sabre thrusts, and stings by bullets, and losses by battles, our deeds were such that our victories count even with yours.

There was no call for 100,000 women to act as soldiers, but 100,000 homes were represented when that number of men went forth in response to that call, and those homes were sustained and protected, the interests of the town supported by its home guard, the women and children.

This very same home guard managed the farms, looked after the mercantile interests, and kept the soul and body of the home life of this nation together.

They furnished supplies for the wounded soldiers, including miles of white rolled bandages and tons of lint ; they deprived themselves of the comforts of life for the hoped-for comfort of the dear absent ones.

You can remember, veterans, the packages from home ; the clothing, the good things to eat, the little printed letters from the children to father, and the word of encouragement from the best loved of all, telling you not to worry about home, but take good care of yourself.

You know, too, it was that other division of the Grand Army which appealed every day to the God of battle to save you from harm, which nerved your arm, sustained your heart, and saved many a life which would otherwise have died from sheer lack of will to live.

It is but little that we can do now ; the hosts of the grand old army are long since scattered ; its ranks are thinning every year ; its tents are struck ; its fires are dead ; its banners are torn, and faded, and folded ; its bugles, that called across the dark river of death, are silent, and the bright uniforms are tarnished and useless, but all honor to the men who wore them.

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Let our deeds abound in goodness and be expressive of our great gratitude to the brave defenders of the Union; let us outshine our own record.

No grace, no act, no courtesy, which we can extend to the sleeping or living veterans, their widows and orphans, will be withheld by us as long as there is left to battle with suffering and deprivation one of our boys "who wore the blue."

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

FLORA WULSCHNER,

Past Department President and Secretary W. R. C.

GENERAL ORDERS AND CIRCULAR LETTERS.

HEADQUARTERS OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,
AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.,
No. 42 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 1, 1888.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 1. }

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps, elected the following officers:

President—Agnes Hitt, Indianapolis.

Senior Vice-President—Laura Hess, Wabash.

Junior Vice-President—Jennie Myerhoff, Evansville.

Treasurer—Sallie C. Haskell, Indianapolis.

Chaplain—Abigail Hawkins, Brazil.

STAFF OFFICERS.

The Staff Officers appointed are:

Secretary—Flora Wulschner, Indianapolis.

Counselor—Mary D. Travis, Crawfordsville.

Inspector—Nettie Bonner, North Manchester.

Instituting and Installing Officer—L. May Wheeler, Indianapolis.

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL.

Executive Board—Juliet Wood, Indianapolis.

Sarah E. Pittman, Bloomington.

Sara P. Foster, Ft. Wayne.

Lizzie M. Townsend, Angola.

India Hackelman, Rushville.

Senior Aide—Marietta McCollum, LaPorte.

I. These officers, both elected and appointed, will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

For the honor you have bestowed upon me I thank you. It will be my earnest endeavor to administer the affairs of this Department in an impartial manner, and to the best interests of the Order.

II. Your most careful attention is called to the objects of the Woman's Relief Corps:

To especially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic, and to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead.

To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans.

To find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends.

To cherish and emulate the deeds of our army nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of peril.

To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all men.

III. Let it be the duty of every member to faithfully work for the accomplishment of these objects.

IV. All Corps that have not exchanged Rituals, will forward old ones to these headquarters at once, and new copies will be sent in return.

Headquarters will be continued at 42 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis. By command of

AGNES HITT,

FLORA WULSCHNER,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MAY 1, 1888.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 2. }

Let the morning of the twentieth Memorial Day dawn with added light, and the evening call forth another star from the infinite regions of night to mark this 30th day of May in Heaven. The solemn impressions of death should never become transitory for those—

"Who living were true and tried for us,
And dying sleep side by side for us;
That noble band
That hallowed the land
With the blood they shed as a tide for us."

Again we will richly garland the last bivouac of our lamented but immortal heroes, nor overlook one solitary last resting-place of our departed victors. They have fallen, but the glory is theirs; theirs the roll of eternal honor.

Each corps should accept the invitation of their respective Posts to attend divine service on Sabbath, May 27, 1888.

It is especially recommended, to inculcate patriotism and loyalty, that not only the children of comrades but all in your community be invited to assist in decorating the silent tents of the eternal camping-ground with nature's choicest floral mementoes.

Corps Chaplains should prepare and forward Memorial Day reports to Department Chaplain, Abigail Hawkins, Brazil. By command of

AGNES HITT,

FLORA WULSCHNER,

Department Secretary.

AGNES HITT,
Department President.

HEADQUARTERS OF WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 42 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 10, 1888.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 3. }

I. The Sixth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will meet in Columbus, Ohio, at 10 A. M., September 12, 1888.

Headquarters of this Department have been located in the First Presbyterian Church, South Third St. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of the Woman's Relief Corps will be cordially welcomed by the Department Officers and Delegates.

Department Headquarters will join Headquarters Department G. A. R. special train, which will leave Indianapolis, September 10, at 12 M., over the Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburgh Railroad (Pan-Handle Route,) arriving at Columbus at 6:00 o'clock P. M. All members of the Woman's Relief Corps are requested to accompany headquarters' special train. The Central Traffic Association has fixed the railroad fare at one cent a mile, going and returning.

Lodging and board have been secured at Miss Cora Cox's, corner Sixth and Oak Sts., for Department Officers and Delegates, at \$2.00 per day.

Owing to the difficulty there will be in handling a large amount of baggage at the depot at Columbus, we would suggest that members attending National Convention will make their traveling encumbrances as light as actual necessity will permit.

All members, not Department Officers and Delegates, wishing to make arrangements for lodging during the convention, should address "Alfred E. Lee, Secretary General Council, southeast wing of the Capitol, Colum-

bus, Ohio," stating the kind of accommodations and the number to be accommodated.

II. All communications or orders from National and Department Headquarters are addressed to *Corps President*, and must be read at next meeting of the Corps, and then placed on file.

III. A relief fund for the assistance of needy soldiers and their families must be established by all Corps; those that have not complied with this requirement will do so at once.

IV. Every application for admission to membership shall be made on the regularly prepared blanks issued from National Headquarters, and shall be accompanied by an initiation fee of *not less than one dollar, and price of badge added thereto.* (See Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 1, R. and R.)

V. The attention of Corps Presidents is again called to the importance of forwarding quarterly reports on the first days of January, April, July and October. All Corps whose reports are received latter than the fifth day of the above-mentioned months will be reported delinquent to National Headquarters.

VI. The following additional Aids have been appointed:

Lucia Julia Martin, Corps No. 44, Indianapolis.

Josephine Nelson, Corps No. 107, Mount Vernon.

VII. Assistant Inspectors will be announced in the next general order.

VIII. The following Corps have been instituted since General Order No. 2:

Jesse Ogden No. 112, Danville.

Pap Thomas No. 113, Greensburg.

George Miller No. 114, Windfall.

Leslie No. 115, Seeleyville.

Silas Davis No. 116, Burlington.

Elwood No. 117, Elwood.

Lynnville No. 118, Lynnville.

Williams No. 119, Muncie.

Benton No. 120, Fowler.

Sanderson No. 9, New Albany, disbanded May 1, re-organized May 10.

IX. It is with pleasure that the announcement is made that the Department debt is liquidated, and Indiana Woman's Relief Corps is in a prosperous condition, both financially and in the increase of its membership. By command of

AGNES HITT,

FLORA WULSCHNER,

Department Secretary.

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 13, 1888.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 4.

I. In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Annual Inspection will take place during the months of October and November.

II. Nettie Bonner, Department Inspector, tendered her resignation September 28, 1888. Bessie Burns, Auten Corps No. 14, South Bend, has been appointed to fill the vacancy, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

The following Department officers will assist in the inspection.

The Department President will inspect Nos. 11, 18, 31, 55, 72, 88, 102, 107, 112, 115.

Department Inspector, Nos. 5, 15, 16, 24, 48, 32, 36, 79, 80, 103, 14.

Senior Vice-President, Nos. 7, 19, 30, 41, 42, 87.

Department Counselor, 22, 47, 84.

III. Assistant Inspectors are appointed and assigned to duty as follows:

Melissa Caylor, Nos. 20, 26, 40, 43, 44, 54, 70, 71, 73, 78, 95.

Juliet R. Wood, Nos. 25, 62, 68, 100, 109.

Ida Haushalter, Nos. 57, 63, 94, 104, 114, 117.

Augusta F. Adams, Nos. 74, 98, 105, 120.

Frances John, Nos. 45, 46, 85, 93, 96, 119.

Jennie Sherwin, Nos. 65, 97, 116.

Emma A. Gordon, Nos. 8, 34, 35, 39.

Lizzie Monks, Nos. 33, 13, 77, 53.

Clara Johnson, Nos. 60, 110.

Ida I. Blair, Nos. 2, 37, 52, 91, 99, 111.

Lizzie M. Townsend, Nos. 17, 27, 29.

Belle Teats, Nos. 6, 49, 76, 89.

Elvira Perce, Nos. 4, 50, 56, 90, 92, 106.

Lucia Julia Martin, Nos. 9, 12, 21, 61, 69, 28.

Augusta Paver, Nos. 67, 75.

India Hackleman, Nos. 51, 113.

Assistant Inspectors must require each Corps to give a full exemplification of the entire Ritualistic work, and will also make a thorough examination of the books of the Secretary and Treasurer.

The traveling expenses of Inspectors will be paid by the Department, and the local expenses by the Corps. Inspectors will correspond with Corps Presidents concerning dates, and, when necessary, will direct special meetings to be called.

IV. The mode of ballot used at St. Louis Convention is the one authorized by the Sixth National Convention to be used the coming year.

V. The following Committee is hereby appointed to take charge of the Christmas offerings for the children of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, at Knightstown:

Annie Weldon, Fort Wayne.

Abigail Hawkins, Brazil.

Sallie C. Jackson, Jeffersonville.

The above committee will act in conjunction with Visiting Committee, and will correspond with the Corps in regard to this beautiful work. It is the duty of every Corps to respond, so that when the glad Christmas time shall come our soldiers' and sailors' orphans shall have such a happy day that the remembrance of it will be cherished through life.

One of the most important objects of the Woman's Relief Corps is to assist the Union Veterans and extend needful aid to their orphans. The Corps of Indiana can carry out this object by a liberal patronage of the "Home Journal," a paper that is being printed and published by the boys of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, at Knightstown.

AGNES HITT,

FLORA WULSCHNER,
Department Secretary.

AGNES HITT,
Department President.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 16, 1889.

GENERAL ORDER }
NO. 5. }

I. The annual election of Corps Officers will take place the first regular meeting in December, or at a special meeting, if necessary, to conclude the election. Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention are elected at the same meeting. The ratio of representation is one Delegate and one Alternate for every fifty members in good standing September 30, 1888, and one additional Delegate and Alternate for a final fraction over one-half that number.

Corps are urged to select competent officers. After the selection has been made give them your loyal support.

II. Officers-elect shall be installed at the first regular meeting in January, or at a special meeting called for such purpose during the month.

Corps must inform Department Secretary of their choice of Installing Officer in ample time, in order that full arrangements can be made for installation.

The traveling and local expenses of Installing Officer must be paid by the Corps.

III. Corps must forward to Department Secretary election returns immediately after installation of officers.

IV. All Department Officers, Aides and Past Corps Presidents (not the retiring one) are appointed Installing Officers.

V. Attention is called to the action of the last Department Convention, page 46, in regard to the Christmas offerings to the children of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan's Home, at Knightstown, to-wit: "All offerings to be sent to the Committee for distribution that the gifts might be equally distributed throughout the Home," therefore, as far as possible, contributions should be made in money and must be sent to the Committee, of which Annie Weldon, of Fort Wayne, is Chairman, or to Department Headquarters, and *not* to the officers of S. & S. O. Home.

If any Post of the G. A. R. desires to contribute to the Christmas offerings, the Christmas Committee would be pleased to receive the same, and would highly appreciate the assistance thus rendered.

VI. Corps are requested to forward orders for Past Officers' Badges to Department Treasurer immediately after the election of officers.

VII. Geo. H. Chapman Corps No. 10, Clara Loucks, President, was re-organized September 7th.

And Greencastle Corps No. 25, October 23d, Libbie Messick, President.

VIII. Corps that have contributed to the Department Relief Fund during the year: Bremen No. 36, \$1.00; Maj. May No. 70, \$10.00; Anderson No. 44, \$1.00; Goshen No. 32, \$5.00; Peru No. 34, \$2.00; Waterloo No. 27, \$1.70; LaPorte No. 16, \$4.00; Dublin No. 100, \$2.00.

By command of

AGNES HITT,

Department President.

FLORA WULSCHNER,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 4, 1889.

GENERAL ORDER }
NO. 6. }

I. The Sixth Annual Convention of the Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps, will be held in Masonic Hall, corner Washington and Tennessee streets, Indianapolis, March 13 and 14. The Convention will assemble *promptly at 9:30 A. M.*, March 13.

II. Headquarters will be established at the New Denison Hotel, where the Department Council will meet at 2:30 P. M., Tuesday, March

12, to audit the books of the Department, and transact such other business as may properly come before it.

III. The following Committee on Credentials is appointed:

Flora Wulschner	Department Secretary.
Martha M. Smith	Corps No. 14.
Mattie Grill	Corps No. 18.

IV. The Department Convention shall consist of: (1) All elected Department Officers, (2) The Department Secretary, Counselor, Inspector, Chief I. and I. Officer and Executive Board, (3) All Past Department and Corps Presidents, as long as they remain in good standing in their respective Corps, (4) All Corps Presidents, or in their absence, the Senior or Junior Vice-Presidents, (5) Regularly elected delegates, or, in their absence, regularly elected Alternates.

V. Corps organized after January 1, 1889, will be represented by the President, or in her absence, by the Senior or Junior Vice-President.

VI. Corps are earnestly urged to have their Representaives, especially their Presidents, attend the Department Convention. The Representaives are expected to be present during the entire session.

VII. An exemplification of the Ritual will be given by Major Robert Anderson Corps No. 44, sometime during the Convention, to which all members of the Order are cordially invited, as well as to all other sessions of the Convention.

VIII. Railroad rates have been established by the Central Traffic Association at one and one-third fare for the round trip.

IX. Any one wishing to secure board will address Malinda A. Siddall, Chairman of Committee on Entertainment, No. 227 East Louisiana street. Hotel rates will be from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day.

X. All Corps indebted to the Department for supplies will please forward amount due before March 1.

XI. Corps Presidents who have not forwarded election returns will do so at once.

XII. The following Corps have been instituted since last General Order:

Geo. H. Stough No. 59, Columbia City.

Girard No. 67, Monon.

John Wheeler No. 83, Crown Point.

By command of

AGNES HITT,

FLORA WULSCHNER,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 42 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 8, 1888.

CIRCULAR LETTER }
No. 1. }

Each Corps President, Secretary and Treasurer should meet to make out the quarterly reports. Where this is impossible, the reports should be forwarded to the Corps President, who should carefully examine same to see if they agree in every particular; sign and forward to Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary, No. 42 North Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, *with per capita tax, made payable to Department Treasurer, Sallie C. Haskell;* all inclosed in same envelope.

The amount of the quarterly tax due from each Corps shall be determined by the number of members in good standing therein on the first day of the current quarter. (See R. and R., Chapter 5, Article II, Section 2.)

The attention of Corps Treasurers is called particularly to the fact that No. 1 in the October report must agree with No. 9 in the July report. This applies not only to the report of the coming quarter, but to all reports in the future.

In order that the cash balances, both in General and Relief Funds, shall be correct, the true balances will be found inserted in red ink on the blanks, *and must not be changed.*

Much trouble could be obviated by keeping on file with Corps papers the duplicate copies of quarterly reports for reference.

You are earnestly requested to carefully examine the quarterly report blanks, especially the foot notes.

By complying with the above instructions the work at Department Headquarters will be greatly facilitated.

By command of

AGNES HITT,

FLORA WULSCHNER,
Department Secretasy.

Department President.

Appeal Issued to all G. A. R. Posts Without Corps.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
No. 42 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., —— —, 1888.

____ Commander, ____ Post, No. ___, G. A. R.:

DEAR COMRADE—I desire to confer with you, and through you, with the members of your Post, as to the formation of a Woman's Relief Corps,

auxiliary to your Post. You certainly must realize what a power for good the loyal women were from '61 to '65. They only need the opportunity to prove themselves as loyal to the boys in blue to-day as they were in times of war. Every Post of the G. A. R. is strengthened by the formation of an earnest, energetic Corps auxiliary thereto. An efficient Corps will aid a Post.

1. By entertainments, etc., in replenishing the Relief Fund.
2. By dispensing relief judiciously, and in so delicate a manner as to carry cheer into the homes of your less fortunate Comrades.
3. By intuitively supplying needs which can only be known to Comrades by a system of questioning which is embarrassing to all parties.
4. By kind words, wisely spoken, they will win back the erring to lives of virtue, cheer and encourage those who falter in the midst of trouble, and guide the thoughts of the dying heavenward.
5. By their cheerful acquiescence with every well devised plan your Post may offer, they will give new zeal to your work, and prove a power for good to you and all around you.

This is no sentiment, as one hundred and five Posts in the Department of Indiana are ready to testify. It is truth. Our beloved W. R. C. has a three-fold object.

1. To specially aid and assist the G. A. R. and perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead.
2. To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen. To find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends. To cherish and emulate the deeds of our army nurses and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of peril.
3. To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America. To discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty, and to encourage the spread of "universal liberty and equal rights to all men."

This is the foundation of our Order, and it is, as you must admit, of adamant. With such a foundation we can not fail, but are destined to be a bulwark of strength to that organization—the G. A. R.—whose auxiliary we are proud to be recognized.

Let us then beseech you to seriously consider the formation of an auxiliary to your Post.

Accompanying this appeal, we send full instructions for the formation of Corps, and respectfully ask you to submit this matter to your Post at

your next meeting, and after mature deliberation thereon, report your decision, either *pro* or *con*, to Agnes Hitt, Department President, or Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary, No. 42 North Pennsylvania street, Indianapolis, Ind., either of whom will be glad to forward blank applications for charter.

[OFFICIAL.]

Yours in F., C. and L.,

AGNES HITT,

Dep't President, Dep't Indiana W. R. C.

Flora Wulschner
Department Secretary.

Instructions Issued to all G. A. R. Posts Without Corps.

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND., —, —.

— Commander, Post, No. — G. A. R. :

DEAR COMRADE—We submit to you the following instructions, which may be of value, should you desire to organize a Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to your Post :

1. Blank applications for charters can be obtained by addressing Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary, 42 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

2. Application for a charter must be signed by not less than ten women of good character and repute, and of undoubted loyalty, who have attained the age of sixteen. It must also bear the endorsement of a Post Commander. Great care should be used in obtaining signatures to applications for charter, looking more at real worth and value of signers than to numbers.

3. The application duly signed and endorsed, and accompanied by a \$5 charter fee, must be sent to Flora Wulschner, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps, Indianapolis, Ind.

4. Initiation fee can not be less than \$1.50 per member, said fee including the cost of the badge, but may be as much more as the Corps may decide.

5. The traveling expenses and entertainment of the Instituting and Installing Officer must be borne by the Corps instituted. Great care and deliberation will be used in the selection of Assisting Instituting and Installing Officers, as much of the success of a Corps depends upon the thorough and correct instructions of the Instituting and Installing Officer. The officer nearest to the Corps to be instituted will be sent, in order that the expense to the Corps may be as small as possible, unless the Corps or Post have some special preference, which we will always endeavor to honor; but we beg that the work will be left, as far as possible, in the hands of the regularly appointed and qualified officers.

6. Further information will be gladly furnished by

Yours in F., C. and L.,

[OFFICIAL.]

AGNES HITT,

Pres. Woman's Relief Corps, Dep't Indiana, Indianapolis, Ind.

FLORA WULSCHNER,

Department Secretary.

ROSTER, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, 1889.

No.	Name of Corps.	Location.	County.	President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	Time of Meeting.
2	DeLong ...	Auburn	... DeKalb	Helen Easley	Augusta Green	Anna Silver	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
3	General Canby	Brazil	Clay	Abigail D. Hawkins	Belle S. Bishop	Helen M. Sorwine	2d and 4th Thursdays.
4	F. D. Matthews	Elliottsville	Monroe	Mary Eakin	Harriet Baugh	Mary E. Mathews	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
5	Shiloh Field	Elkhart	Elkhart	Sue W. Hart	Lizzie Freely	Mary Titus	Every Tuesday evening.
6	O. B. Bachman	Madison	Jefferson	Lizzie Ulmer	Lulu Smith	Sarah Smyth	2d Wed day in each month.
7	Sion S. Bass	Fort Wayne	Jefferson	Maria L. Holloway	Emma Hillin	Carrie B. Lincoln	2d and 4th Fridays.
8	James H. Emmett	Wabash	Wabash	Annie McClure	Adelia Henley	Ellen Pressler	Every other Tuesday evening
9	Sanderson	New Albany	Wayne	Floyd	Mary Bishop	C. R. Clark	2d and 4th Thursdays.
10	Geo. H. Chapman	Indianapolis	Marion	Anna Freenan	Alice Beuhning	Clara Loucks	
11	Morton	Terre Haute	Vigo	Mary E. Wimmer	Mary A. Haley	Mary J. Stevenson	1st and 3d Friday Evening.
12	John Craig	Jeffersonville	Clark	Maggie L. Jacobs	Harriet Lammis	J. F. Smith	Every Tuesday evening.
13	Sedgwick	Randolph	St. Joseph	Eliza Castle	Annie Wiese	Allie Castle	Every Tuesday evening.
14	Auten	Elkhart	Elkhart	Martha M. Smith	Mollie Kelly	Susan Davison	Every Monday evening.
15	Emer	LaPorte	Elkhart	Carrie E. Harper	Edith Shupert	Louise Hunton	Every Monday evening.
16	Paton	LaGrange	LaGrange	Emily Weir	Cora Cadwalader	Almina Wilks	1st and 3d Saturdays.
17	Ed Temple	South Milford	LaGrange	Maria Blackman	Josephine Francis	Pauline Leyenan	1st and 3d Thursdays.
18	Farragut	Evansville	Vanderburgh	Mary Hopkins	Cora Hickman	Ollie Shippert	Every Friday evening.
19	Gen. John A. Logan	N. Manchester	Wabash	Laura Lourer	Ella Clemons	Romaine Armstrong	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
20	George H. Thomas	Indianapolis	Marion	Alice Boss	Alice Allen	Mary E. Boles	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
21	Rousseau	Jeffersonville	Clark	Mary C. Gassoway	Nancy S. Green	Mary Grant	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
22	Burnside	Fountain	Fountain	Lizzie Holmes	Anna Bruce	Louisa Jacobs	2d and 4th Wednesdays.
23	Greencastle	Putnam	Putnam	Martha Chaffee	Clara Marshall	Lottie S. Drapier	2d Saturday and 4th Tues.
24	Chaplain Brown	Valparaiso	Porter	Amanda A. Brown	Freelove W. Elam	Mary W. Woldrup	2d and 4th Fridays.
25	Connerville	Connerville	Fayette	Clara Johnson	Orpha Scott	Dovie Neal	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
26	Cicero	Hamilton	Hamilton	Ida S. McBride	Chloe Kennedy	Carrie M. Francis	1st Saturday and 3d Wed'y.
27	Waterloo	DeKalb	DeKalb	Martha Whitman	Ela Morgan	Martha Spigner	1st and 3d Fridays.
28	McPheeters	Washington	Washington	Agnes White	Marcelle Speaton	Mary E. Veder	1st and 3d Mondays.
29	J. H. Daensur	LaGrange	LaGrange	Cass	Margaret P. Justice	Mary A. Mulholland	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
30	Logansport	Logansport	Gibson	Julia S. Duncan	Kate Stormont	Kate Stormont	Every 4th Thursday.
31	Archer	Princeton	Princeton	Anna Kidder	Rose Isbell	Margaret Welker	Every Friday evening.
32	Howell	Ridgeville	Ridgeville	Marilla V. Lenanx	Esther A. Forunah	Lizzie Gerner	1st and 3d Thursdays.
33	E. T. Wood	Peru	Peru	Funice Kelley	Sarah J. Spanlburg	Laura B. Edmon	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
34	W. B. Beyburn	Miamit	Miamit	Lizzie Clark	Margaret Gregory	Rie McComnathay	2d Wednesday.
35	Tippecanoe	Monticello	Monticello	Sarah A. Perry	Mary Scott	Catherine Knoblock	1st and 3d Saturdays.
36	Hardzog	Bremen	Bremen	Annie Henry	Sarah Moore	Lina Yates	Every other Tuesday even'g.
37	B. F. Crosswaite	Angola	Steuben	Jasper	Hattie M. Flynn	Hattie Clark	Every Monday evening.
39	Rensselaer	Rensselaer	Rensselaer				

ROSTER, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, 1889.

No.	Names of Corps.	Location.	County.	President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	Time of Meeting.
40	John F. Buckle.....	Indianapolis.....	Marion.....	Littie Snyder.....	Mary Ray.....	Olive Wright.....	Every Thursday.
41	Sam Henry.....	Deerfield.....	Adams.....	Carrie Hale.....	Mattie Auten.....	Florence Blossom.....	1st and 3d Fridays.
42	James R. Slack.....	Huntington.....	Huntington.....	Lou Hawley.....	Jennie Whittaker.....	Abbie Gibson.....	2d and 4th Mondays.
43	Joseph R. Gordon.....	Indianapolis.....	Marion.....	Melissa Drummond.....	Mina Alley.....	Carrie Jones.....	1st Tues. and 3d Wednesdays.
44	Mac Brist Anderson.....	Indianapolis.....	Marion.....	Carrie Hoskins.....	Carrie B. Halbert.....	Martha A. Wilson.....	1st and 3d Thursdays.
45	Sol. Meredith.....	Bloomfield.....	Wayne.....	Anna Larish.....	Mary R. Athey.....	Lida Byer.....	Every Thursday evening.
46	Nelson Trussler.....	Randolph.....	Warren.....	Margaret Ginger.....	Annia Stakebrake.....	Emma Hall.....	Every Thursday evening.
47	Bryant.....	Williamsport.....	St. Joseph.....	Joe DeHart.....	Minnie Holmes.....	Clara F. Yeager.....	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
48	Deacon.....	New Carlisle.....	Jefferson.....	Kate V. Louonis.....	Kate Augustine.....	Edith E. Wade.....	2d and 4th Saturdays.
49	Geo. H. Thompson.....	Madison.....	Green.....	Nancy A. Trigg.....	Florence Dunlap.....	Ella Triggs.....	2d Friday in each month.
50	Worthington.....	Worthington.....	Shelbyville.....	Mattie Cressy.....	Ora Shuler.....	Kate Griffith.....	1st and 3d Saturdays.
51	Dunort.....	Garrett.....	Shelbyville.....	Martha Winterrowd.....	Alyda M. Springer.....	Mary E. Gaewood.....	Every other Friday.
52	Chas. Case.....	Adams.....	DeKalb.....	Bachel L. Trusler.....	M. E. Stoner.....	Sue McKinley.....	Every Monday night.
53	John P. Porter.....	Geneva.....	Addie Meeks.....	Ella Briggs.....	Phoebe Hale.....	Phoebe Hale.....	2d and 4th Friday evenings.
54	William Smith.....	Sheridan.....	Sue Cropper.....	Jane Kercheyal.....	Lou Cox.....	Lou Cox.....	Every two weeks.
55	Warrick.....	Newburgh.....	Hamilton.....	Mary Darby.....	Lizzie Frank.....	Emma Wilder.....	2d and 4th Sat. evenings.
56	S. K. Hartman.....	Morgan.....	Warrick.....	Amanda Williams.....	Emma Luce.....	Mell R. Thompson.....	2d and 4th Mon. evenings.
57	Henry C. Conlair.....	Morencie.....	Morgan.....	Jennie E. Sherwin.....	Laura Bishop.....	2d and 4th Sat. evenings.	2d and 4th Sat. evenings.
58	Johnson Kilpatrick.....	Bussaville.....	Howard.....	Marian White.....	Ella H. McKeon.....	Florence Wilkinson.....	1st and 3d Sat. evenings.
59	George H. Strong.....	Fremont.....	Steuben.....	Liddie Heacock.....	L. E. McKill.....	Augusta V. Hunter.....	Every other Mon. evening.
60	Duvall.....	Concordia City.....	Whitley.....	Kate A. Johnson.....	Flora M. Freeman.....	Lon Evans.....	2d and 4th Monday evenings.
61	McFeehan.....	North Vernon.....	Jennings.....	Mary E. McCannon.....	Mollie Reeder.....	1st and 3d Tuesdays.	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
62	J. B. Mason.....	Knightstown.....	Henry.....	Bachel McGarver.....	Alice Fort.....	2d and 4th Friday evenings.	1st and 3d Saturdays.
63	General Shunk.....	Marion.....	Grant.....	Jennie L. Case.....	Josie B. Bues.....	Mary J. Barnham.....	1st and 3d Saturday evenings.
64	Samuel H. Dunbar.....	Greenfield.....	Hancock.....	Mary E. Hart.....	Atta Smith.....	Mary Bohanon.....	1st and 3d Friday evenings.
65	Wm. F. Butler.....	Carroll.....	Carroll.....	Nancy J. McCormick.....	Lida Cline.....	Alice Bohanon.....	1st and 3d Monday nights.
66	Girard.....	Condren.....	White.....	Bettie Reed.....	Blanche McConahay.....	Kate Ball.....	Every two weeks.
67	Joel Wolfe.....	Monon.....	Monon.....	India Hackelman.....	Fannie L. Hildreth.....	Alice W. Smith.....	Every other Friday.
68	Isham Keith.....	Rushville.....	Rushville.....	Rhoda Updoid.....	Anna Salmon.....	Kate Stevens.....	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
69	Anderson.....	Columbus.....	Bethel.....	Mary McCollum.....	Oliver Cooper.....	Lulu Bosworth.....	1st and 3d Saturdays.
70	Major May.....	Anderson.....	Anderson.....	Rose Chauncey.....	Hettie N. Pettijohn.....	Julia Conking.....	1st and 3d Saturdays.
71	Fairfax.....	Hamilton.....	Westfield.....	Melissa Caylor.....	Eliza Bush.....	Eliza Fisher.....	1st Saturday of each month.
72	Lookout.....	Noblesville.....	Hamilton.....	Hettie A. Talbot.....	Clara Bush.....	Mary W. Travis.....	Every month.
73	McPherson.....	Crawfordsville.....	Montgomery.....	Daisy Holbrook.....	Nellie Holbrook.....	Malinda Whittinger.....	Every month.
74	Perryville.....	Broad Ripple.....	Marion.....	Marion.....	Marion.....	Sallie Baird.....	2d and 4th Wednesdays.
75	Major Patton.....	Vevay.....	Jay.....	Patton.....	Patton.....	Mary E. Headington.....	Every other Friday.
76	Stephen J. Bailey.....	Tipton.....	Switzerland.....	Switzerland.....	Switzerland.....	Nerva Hamphries.....	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
77	James Price.....					Amanda Bowlin.....	Augusta Martindale.....

79) Veteran.....	Winamac	Pulaski	Malinda Burson	Sarah Rose	Mary A. Gates
80) Bennett.....	Kewanna	Fulton	Mary Hilton	Mamie Cilton	1st and 3d Saturdays,
81) Fahier.....	Pulaski	Star City	Jennie Minton	Mary Miller	2d and 4th Fridays,
82) Miles H. Tibbitts	Plymouth	Marshall	Malinda Howard	Every other Wednesday,	
83) John Wheeler	Crown Point	Lake	Hattie Armstrong	Every other Tuesday eve.,	
84) Stone River	Frankfort	Clinton	Alice Wheeler		
85) Fountain City	Fountain City	Clinton	Augusta Adams	1st and 3d Tuesdays,	
87) Lou Dailey	Bellfont	Wayne	Eliza A. Boydland	1st and 3d Tuesdays,	
88) Jeff C. Davis	Vincennes	Wells	Mary Boydland	1st and 3d Tuesdays,	
89) Ban North	Rising Sun	Knox	Eliza Thornt'n [illegible]	1st and 3d Tuesdays,	
90) Winchester	Gosport	Ohio	Sarah J. Clark	2d and 4th Tuesdays,	
91) Meade	Burke	Owen	Elizabeth C. Bender	2d and 4th Tuesdays,	
92) Paul E. Slocum	Bloomington	Monroe	Lizzie Wason	2d and 4th Tuesdays,	
93) Cambridge City	Cambridge City	Wayne	Annie E. McCoy	1st and 3d Fridays,	
94) T. J. Harrison	Kokomo	Howard	Mary H. Scott	Every Saturday,	
95) Franklin	Huntington	Hamilton	Frances E. Morrow	1st and 4th Saturdays,	
96) Geo. W. Leonard	New Castle	Henry	Kate Pierce	1st and 4th Saturdays,	
97) Boothroyd	Delphi	Carroll	Sarah A. Bon	1st and 3d Fridays,	
98) Oliver Short	Rossville	Clinton	Frances E. Morrow	1st and 3d Fridays,	
99) Middleton Perfect	Pleasant Lake	Sieben	Emma White	2d and 4th Thursdays,	
100) Wm. A. Boyd	Dublin	Wayne	Emma Hoover	1st and 3d Saturdays,	
102) Spencer	Spencer	Brockport	F. S. John	2d and 4th Mondays evenings,	
103) Harrison Cathcart	Bristol	Elkhart	Mattie Enlow	2d and 4th Mondays evenings,	
104) Hiriam G. Fisher	Lapel	Madison	Mary O. Salisbury	2d and 4th Mondays evenings,	
105) Stillwell	Clinton	Spencer	Frances Miller	2d and 4th Mondays evenings,	
106) Gettysburg	Mount Vernon	Mount Vernon	Sarah A. Ghent	1st and 3d Tuesdays,	
107) Harrow	Carthage	Carthage	Mahala Ben	2d and 4th Mondays evenings,	
108) Elwood Hill	Brookville	Bush	Josephine E. Nelson	1st and 3d Tuesdays,	
110) Hackleman	Franklin	Franklin	Frank J. Hill	1st and 3d Tuesdays,	
111) Burton Steuben	Hamilton	Steuben	Mattie E. Shepperd	Every Friday evening,	
112) Jesse Oden	Daville	Hendricks	Mollie C. Reaminer	1st and 3d Tuesdays,	
113) Pap Thomas	Greensburg	Decatur	Josephine Thomas	Every other Saturday even'g.	
114) George Miller	Windfall	Tipton	Louisa A. Bone	1st Monday in each month.	
115) Leslie	Seelyville	Vigo	Alley Riffe	1st Monday in each month.	
116) Silas Day	Burlington	Carroll	Birdie Zehner	Alternata Thursdays,	
117) Elwood	Elwood	Madison	Anna Dickerson	1st and 3d Saturdays,	
118) Munice	Delaware	Delaware	Lee A. Carmichael	1st and 3d Fridays,	
119) Williams	Fowler	Benton	Marietta Waddell	2d and 4th Saturdays,	
120) Benton			Lydia Galaspi	Every other Monday even'g.	
			Emma Hamlin	1st and 3d Fridays,	
			Dolla Shewmaker	2d and 4th Fridays,	
			Julia Richay	Every other Monday even'g.	
			Rose Russell	1st and 3d Fridays,	
			Edith Hampton	2d and 4th Fridays,	

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